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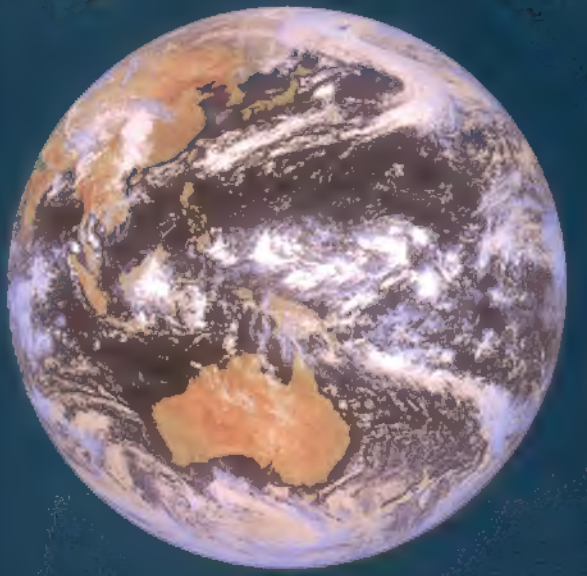

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152 DREAM

CONSIDER THAT DREAM.

BEING ABLE TO DESTROY THE WORLD IS TO HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL OVER IT.

THAT'S WHAT HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN.

"A KING".

IN THIS DREAM, "THE WORLD IS MINE".

"WHO IS THERE?" HE TURNED.

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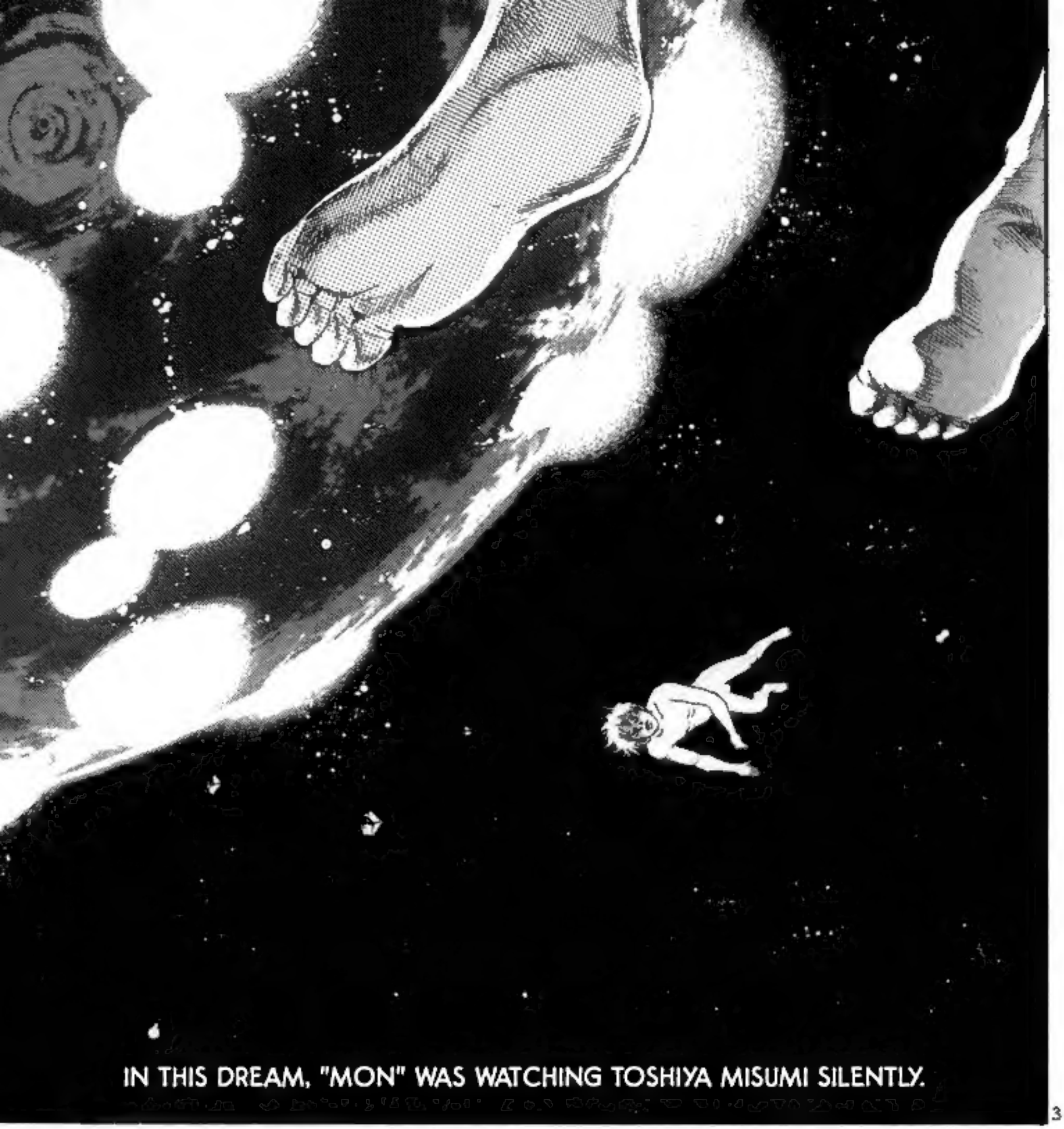

152 DREAM

...STEALING THE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS WHICH WOULD LATER SERVE AS CONTAINERS FOR THE BOMBS OF PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE.

WHEN THEY STOLE THE 80TH, SUMMER ARRIVED.

TOWARDS THE BEGINNING OF THE RAINY SEASON, THEY VISITED THE CITIES OF HIROSHIMA, OKAYAMA, KOBE, KYOTO, OSAKA, NAGOYA, AND HAMAMATSU...

IN AUGUST, THEY HEADED FOR THE TOYAMA PORT, DESTINATION OF THE RUSSIAN CARGO SHIP.

THE DEAL FOR 400 KG OF PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE AND FOR 100 DETONATORS WAS COMPLETED.

BOLSHOE SPASIBO! (THANK YOU VERY MUCH!)

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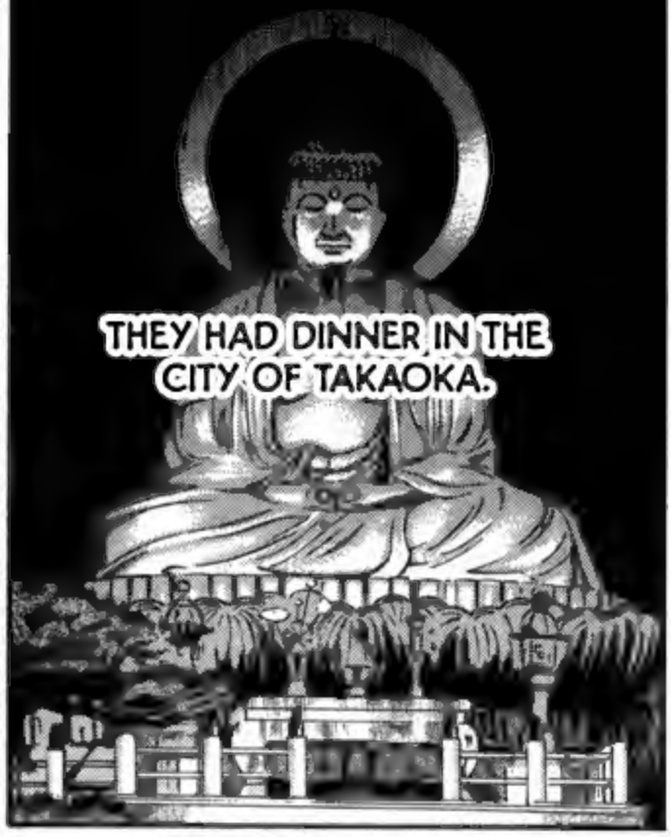
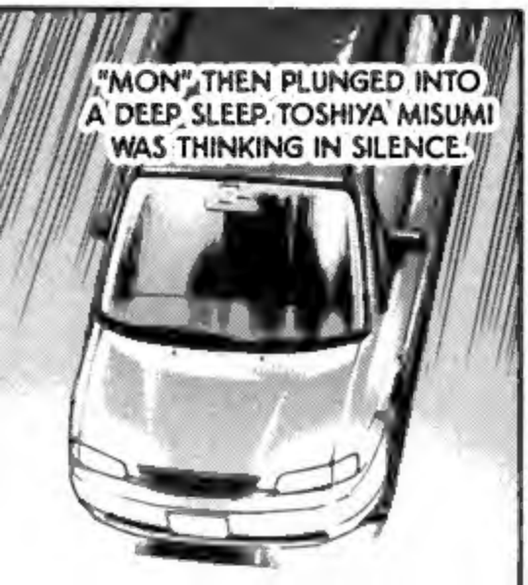

THEY HAD DINNER IN THE CITY OF TAKAOKA.

"MON" FINISHED HIS MEAL BY RAPING A WHITE-COLLAR WORKER OF ABOUT THIRTY YEARS (DURATION: TWO MINUTES) IN THE CASTLE RUINS OF THE CITY.


"MON" THEN PLUNGED INTO A DEEP SLEEP. TOSHIYA MISUMI WAS THINKING IN SILENCE.

"THIS FEELS SO UNREAL... DOESN'T IT?"

"EATING, SLEEPING, MATING, HUNTING,
"MON" IS JUST LIKE THE PREHISTORIC MAN."

"I WANT TO BECOME ONE MYSELF TOO."

"EATING, SLEEPING, MATING, HUNTING: HE DOES JUST THAT.
HE MUST NOT THINK MUCH ABOUT IT."

"I ENVY HIM."

"AT THE SAME TIME, IT SHOULDN'T BE THAT
EASY ALL THE TIME WITH SOMEONE LIKE HIM."

"I CAN EASILY BE CONTENT
WITH BEING HIS SUBJECT, SO..."

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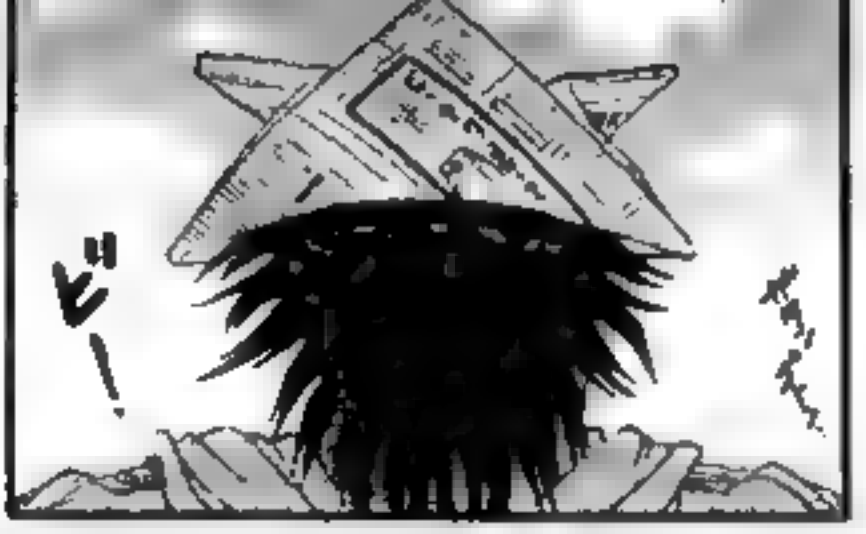
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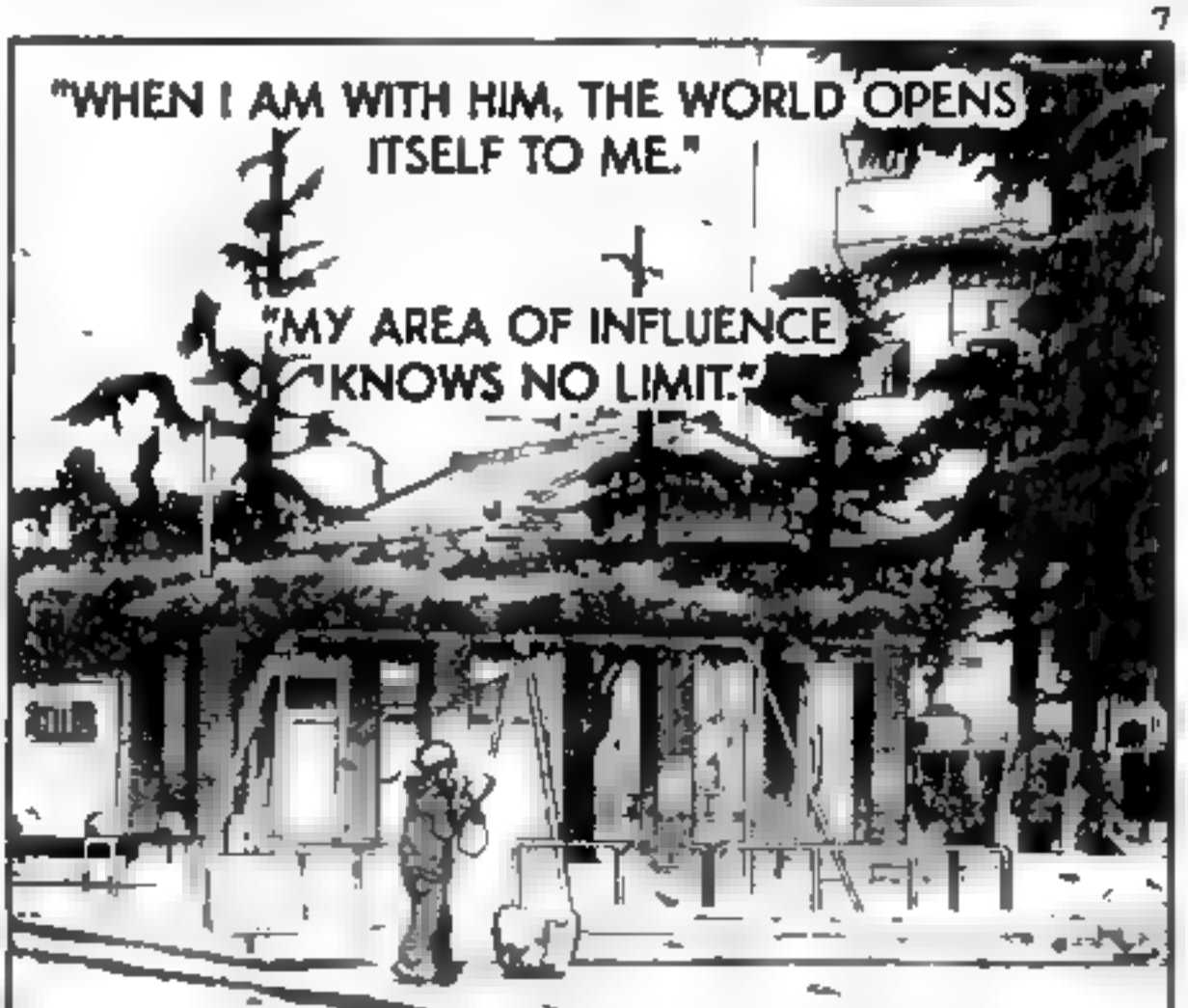
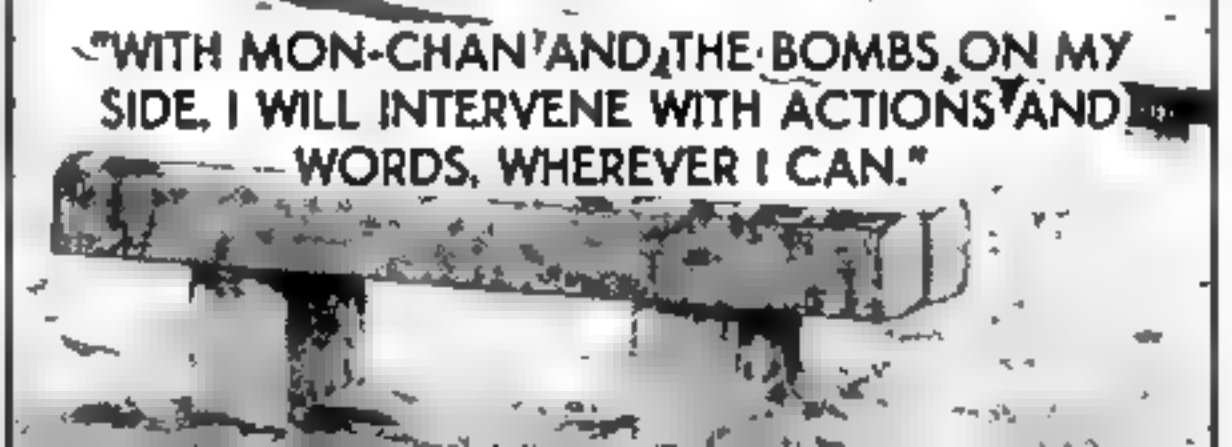
Y... YOU REALLY HAVE THE APPEARANCE OF A KING WITH THAT.

"MON-CHAN AND THE HORIZON IN FRONT OF HIM GO WELL TOGETHER."

"BEHAVIOUR AND NATURE MAY VARY, BUT THE DESIRE OF POWER IS WELL AND TRULY ENGRAVED IN THE GENES OF MANKIND."


"WHEN I AM WITH HIM, THE WORLD OPENS ITSELF TO ME."
"MY AREA OF INFLUENCE KNOWS NO LIMIT."

"I AM FREE. I AM AMERICA. THE HOMELAND OF FREEDOM."


"WITH MON-CHAN AND THE BOMBS ON MY SIDE, I WILL INTERVENE WITH ACTIONS AND WORDS, WHEREVER I CAN."

LEMON > I AM A WEAK BEING.

IT'S FOR THE BEST IF I DON'T HAVE A GREAT POWER.

MARIA > WHY?
LEMON > I RISK TO USE IT

"THE MILK HAS EXPIRED."

"MAYBE IT WILL BE FINE IF I WARM IT!"

"FORGET IT."

I DON'T WANT TO THINK.

STOP ME

"FOR WHAT PURPOSE DO I MAKE BOMBS?"

"I DONT KNOW."

"I DARE NOT ASK·HIM."

"I DONT WANT TO THINK!!!"

WANNA TAKE A PHOTO OR SOMETHING, FUCKER?

CRRR

"WHAT WILL HE DO WITH ME IF I TOLD HIM I AM OUT?"

"WILL HE KILL ME?"

"I CAN HALF IMAGINE THAT'S WHAT WOULD HAPPEN."

COME, FOLLOW ME.

I HAVEN'T AGREED YET!

"THE CONCLUSION IS OBVIOUS. IT'S WRONG!"

"I DON'T WANT TO THINK..."

"I KNOW THIS VERY WELL!"

"OUR MEETING AND OUR SEPARATION WERE FATE."

"I HAD DREAMED OF THE VICTORY OF THE TIGERS."

THE SONG OF REMEMBRANCE. ASKED BY THE LISTENER "POLKA DOT RIBBON" HOUSEWIFE LIVING IN HIRAKATA.

IS "DESPERADO" BY THE EAGLES.

"WHILE EVERYONE WAS SINGING THE TEAM'S ANTHEM THE FAREWELL KISS WAS GIVEN."

MON-
CHAN
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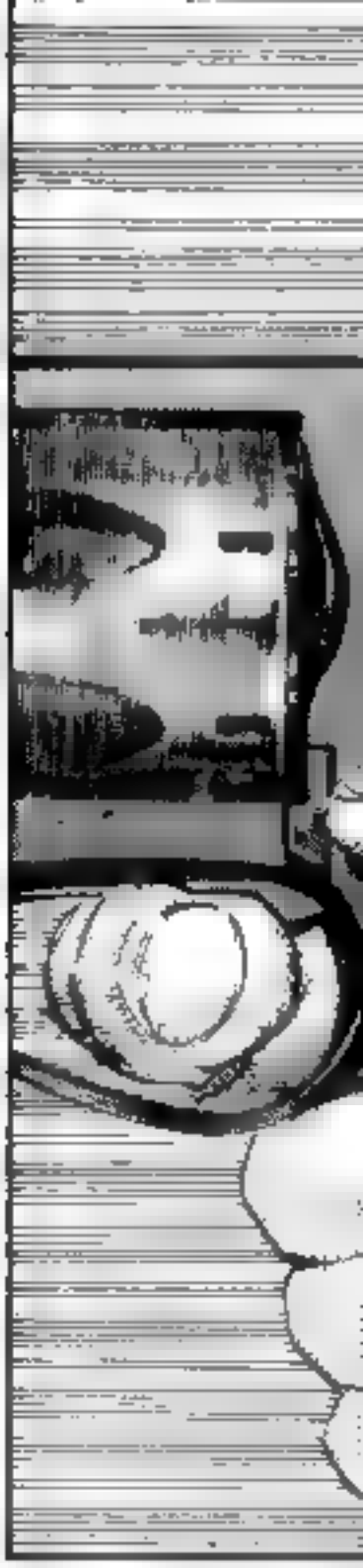

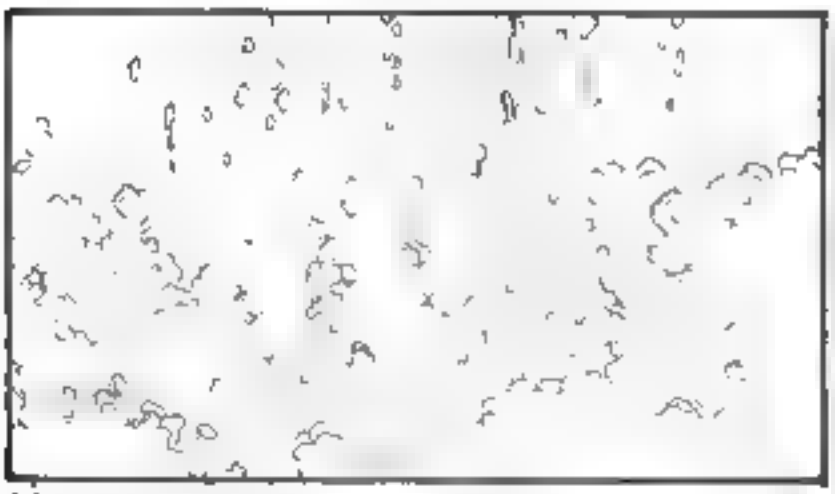

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TOSHI...
I AFFIRM
MYSELF.

IT HAD BEEN THREE MONTHS SINCE "MON" HAD LAST SHOWN. SPRING RETURNED.

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Aroma MISHIYA CIDER

TOSHIYA MISUMI CONTINUED TO MAKE BOMBS. THIS JOB, WHOSE PROGRESS HE HAD DELIBERATELY SLOWED BECAUSE HE WAS RELUCTANT TO TAKE PART IN THESE CRIMINAL ACTS THAT WILL LEAD TO DEATHS...

IN APRIL, "MON" VISITED HIM AND THEY WENT TO HAVE A DINNER TOGETHER IN THE NANBA DISTRICT.

...IS NOW TURNING INTO A RELAXING OCCUPATION WHICH WAS LIKE A HOBBY.

HE HAD A BRUTAL SEX WITH HER. TOSHIYA MISUMI TOOK PHOTOS OUT OF CURIOSITY, BUT ALSO TO THREATEN HER.

HOTEL DREAM

AFTER THE DINNER, "MON" DRAGGED INTO 'A' LOVE HOTEL 'A' HIGH SCHOOL GIRL WHO WAS PROSTITUTING.

AT THE END OF MAY, HE HAD LUNCH WITH HIS MOTHER, SAKAYA, IN KYOTO. HE WENT SHOPPING WITH HER AND WAS OFFERED A PAIR OF SNEAKERS. BEING THE KIND OF SON HE WAS, HE FELT ILL.

AT THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER, 80 FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AND 8 EXPLOSIVE THERMOS HAD BEEN MADE.

IN JUNE, HE DEVOTED HIMSELF BODY AND SOUL TO THE MAKING OF BOMBS, AS IF HE WANTED TO CHASE HIS WORRIES AWAY.

IN AUGUST, "MON" AND HIM PURCHASED A USED CAR.

WITHOUT PRINCIPLES, BELIEFS OR GOALS, HE ORGANIZED A TRIP TO THE NORTH OF THE COUNTRY, FOR PUTTING IN PLACE BOMBS IN TOKYO AND HOKKAIDO.

OCTOBER 19TH, A METEORITE FELL IN SHIMONOKUNI, ON THE ISLAND OF HOKKAIDO. THE NEXT DAY, TOSHIYA MISUMI WAS FIXATED ON ARTICLES IN WEEKLY MAGAZINES DEALING WITH A "GIANT BEAR"

IN NOVEMBER, HE BOOBY-TRAPPED THE APARTMENT WHICH SERVED HIM AS A WORKSHOP

ON THE CURTAIN THAT SEPARATED THE ROOM, HE WROTE THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE: "I WANTED TO HAVE POWER"

HE HEARD "MON" CHUCKLE BEHIND HIM. A WAVE OF BITTERNESS SWEPT THROUGH HIS HEART AND HE WAS UNABLE TO TURN AROUND.

153 HOLY NIGHT

DON'T BE AFRAID! LOOK! THE WORLD IS YOURS!

IN NAGOYA, WITH 50 000 YENS WE GOT A G RL..

AND RELEASED HER ON THE HIGHWAY OF HAMANOKO!

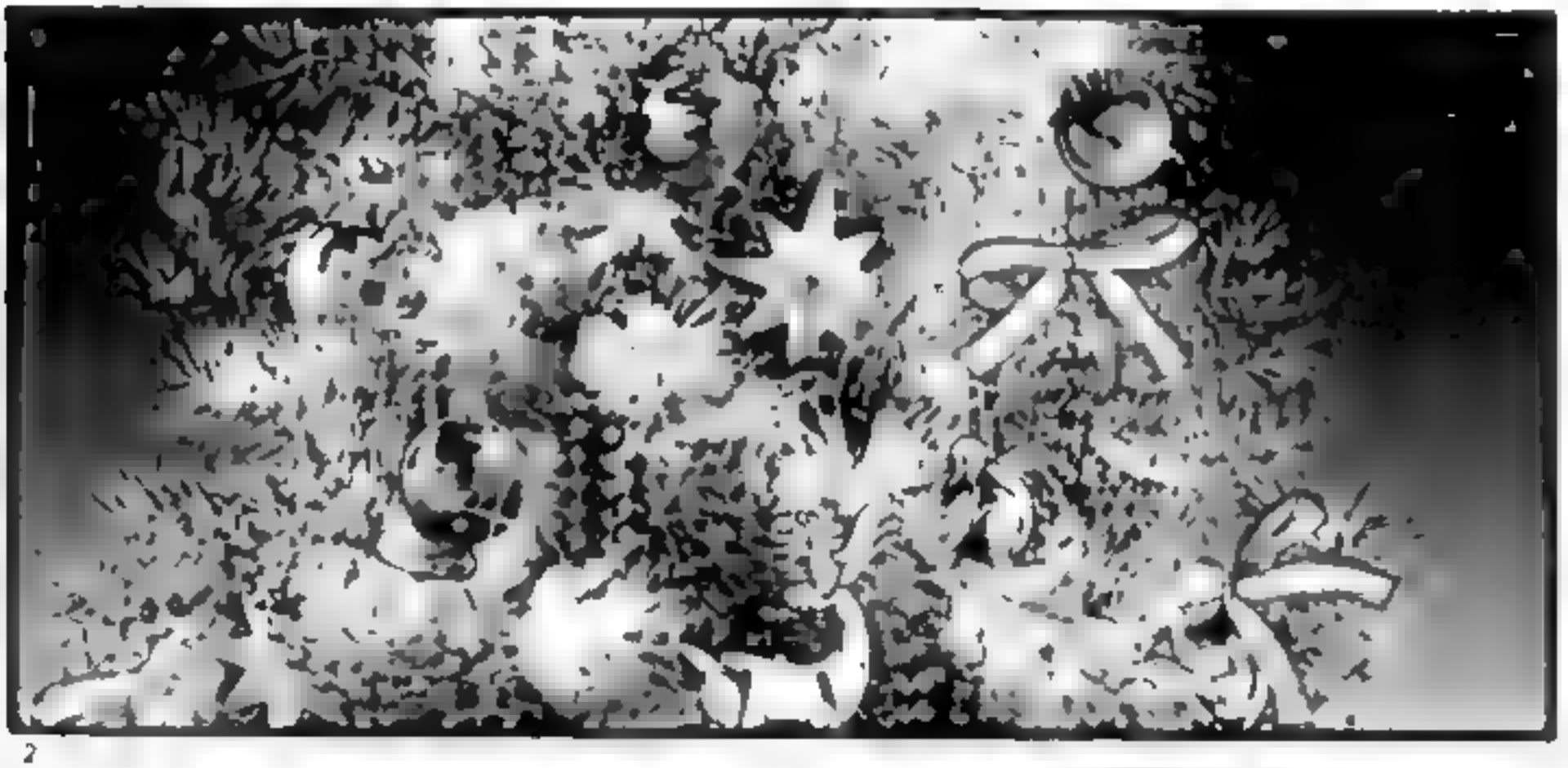
HER NAME? WHY WOULD I KNOW THAT, YOU BASTARD!

IT WAS JUST SOME SLAG WHO STANK OF TWAT!

REJOICE.

THE WORLD IS YOURS.

IT'S FATE.



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"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST HEAVEN, AND ON EARTH PEACE TO THOSE ON WHOM HIS FAVOR RESTS."

MERRY CHRISTMAS WE ARE VICTORIOUS

...AND THAT A TRUCE HAS BEEN SIGNED

...THAT THE AERIAL BOMBING IN ALDONIA, CARRIED OUT BY NATO FORCES FOR 45 DAYS, HAVE CEASED...

THE US PRESIDENT HAYES DECLARED AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, HELD RECENTLY...

DECEMBER 24TH
CITY OF AKITA

AKITA PREFECTURE
AKITA POLICE STATION

INTERROGATION ROOM

MON-CHAN SAID.

YOU SHOULD STOP GIVING ME THIS BOLLOCKS AND TELL ME WHERE THE EXPLOSIVE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ARE!

. THE HISTORY OF MANKIND THAT'S THEIR FATE

HIS CRIMES RETRACE

MAN IS BORN WITH THE AUTHOR TY TO KILL HIS FELLOW MEN. WHY? IS IT NOT FATE THAT HAS PUT GUNS IN HIS HANDS?

"USE TH S AUTHORITY POWER .. IS ABSOLUTE "

"BE IT YOU OR ME, EVERY LIVING BEING HAS THE AUTHORITY TO DECIDE WHETHER TO LET LIVE OR TO K LL "

HE USES THEM TO K LL, THEN HE H DES BEH ND FALSE EXCUSES.

HE LOOKS FOR "HUMANISM" AND "DEMOCRATIC JUSTICE"

SPEARS, AXES, BOWS, ARROWS, GUNS, CANNONS, TANKS, WAR MACHINES, NUCLEAR BOMBS.. IF MAN MADE THEM, IT'S TO USE THEM, RIGHT?

THESE WORDS ARE THE RATIONAL RESPONSE OF MON-CHAN TO THE EGALITARIAN HUMANISM AND TO THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN LIFE.

"WE ARE ALL EQUAL L FE HAS NO VALUE "

TONIGHT BEING CHRISTMAS, I WILL MAKE A COMPARISON WITH THE BIBLE!

DO YOU GET IT? YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT MON-CHAN IS?

WITH THESE WORDS MON SHOWED THAT HE HAD SEEN THROUGH THE TRUE MEANINGS OF OUR DEPENDENCE ON INDIVIDUALISM AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH EVERYONE RESPECTS! IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD.

"I AFFIRM MYSELF."

THE SHEP-HERDS WHO JUMP FOR JOY WHEN HEARING THE MESSAGE OF THE ANGELS, TODAY, THAT'S THE POPULA-TION, THE IDIOTS WHO LIVE IN THE WORLD!

THE SHITTY THREE WISE MEN, TODAY, ARE THE MEDIA, RELIGION AND SCIENCE!

KING HEROD, WHO RESTORED ORDER TO A TROUBLED WORLD AT THE END OF A CENTURY, TODAY USA IS THE GLOBAL MILITARY POWER!

MA MARIA HAS.

IT IS FOR HIM TO SHOW HIS CROSS TO PEOPLE, FOR IT REVEALS TO THEM THE MEANING OF LIFE AND DEATH, THAT THE VIRGIN MARY HAS BESTOWED UPON HIM...

HIS POWER SUPPORTS HIS WORDS.

AND THE MESSIAH IN THE MANGER, THAT'S MON-CHAN!

153 HOLY NIGHT

WE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR RUBBISH! WHERE ARE THE BOMBS? SPIT IT OUT!

MARIA TOO... THAT WAS FATE.

WH CH "MARIA" ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

BUT THE "MARIA" YOU WERE ABOUT TO SPEAK ABOUT, IT'S MARIA ABENO FROM ODATE, ISN'T IT?

YOU WELL HARPED ON ABOUT YOUR STORIES I DON'T FIND YOUR "MON" EXTRAORDINARY AT ALL, YOU KNOW.

HUH?

AND THE FIRST BOMB THAT YOU MADE JUST LIKE THAT, WITHOUT THINKING MUCH ABOUT IT. THIS "LEMON", THAT'S FATE TOO?

YEP THE "MARIA" THAT YOU COPS KILLED

AND THAT WE, THE POLICEMEN, HAVE KILLED HER, THAT'S FATE TOO?

DO YOU REMEMBER TAEKO SHISHIKURA, FROM THE POST OFFICE WHERE YOU WORKED, IN NANIWADA?

JUST LIKE THE PROPHECY OF "MARIA" ON THE INTERNET, AND JUST LIKE YOUR ENCOUNTER WITH "MON"?

YUP

"EXCUSE ME... I WOULD LIKE TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING..."

WE WERE H RED AT THE SAME TIME, SO?

APPARENTLY, SHE WENT TO THE POLICE STATION OF OSAKA THREE DAYS AGO

LEMON > I AM THERE.

MARIA > YOU'LL FINALLY GIVE IN?

LEMON > PISS OFF!

MARIA > SAY SOMETHING TO BREAK THE SILENCE. (LOL)

LEMON > ONE DAY, I WILL EXPLODE YOU (LOL) (LOL)

MARIA > DO YOU NOT WANT A CHAT?

> WHO ARE YOU?

NTITY DOESN'T MATTER.

OUNDRULE.

SHE IS "MARIA".

"AS I AM A SHY PERSON, I TOLD MYSELF THAT IF IT WAS THROUGH A COMPUTER, I COULD TALK TO TOSHIYA."

I DON'T BELIEVE IT

"THIS NAME, "MARIA"...

...IS THE ONE MY MOTHER WANTED TO GIVE ME, SEEING THAT I WAS BORN ON THE 24TH OF DECEMBER."

IT'S YOU WHO TALK RUBBISH!

"NOT BEING TAEKO ANYMORE, BUT MARIA... I COULD BE A LITTLE STRONGER IN THIS CHAT."

I AM THE ONE THEY CALL MARIA. (LOL)

BUT HOW DID SHE FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU?

I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THIS STORY! SHUT IT!

WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT MY WATCH?

"I WAS... IN LOVE WITH HIM."

LEMON > YOU KNOW, I HAVE ALREADY MADE SEVERAL MODELS OF BOMBS.
MARIA > THAT'S EXCITING. HAVE YOU USED THEM?

LEMON > I NEED TO MEET YOU

MARIA > WOULD SEEING ME MAKE YOU STRONGER?

LEMON > YES, THAT'S RIGHT!

MARIA > STRONG ENOUGH TO WALK AROUND WITH A BIG BOMB?

LEMON > EVEN IF I COULD WALK WITH IT, I COULDN'T USE IT, SO WHY BOTHER?

MISUMI! IS THAT THE FATE YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT?

WHEN YOU SEE A SIGN IN THE SKY, YOU WILL MEET A GREAT POWER. (LOL)

LEMON > WHAT'S THAT, THIS SIGN IN THE SKY?

MARIA > FATE!!! (LOL)

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I DECIDED TO CONFESS TO H M THAT I AM "MARIA"

THAT'S WHEN I BECAME AFRAID. AND THEN I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING FOR H M. BUT MAYBE BECAUSE HE HAD ACTUAL BOMBS. .

HERE, MISS SHISH KURA.

TOSH YA HIMSELF SAID: "I'D REALLY LIKE THE POWER. "

BOOM

"BECAUSE I AM NOT STRONG."

BOOM

BOOM

1'10
1'10
1'10

今日、仕事の帰りて
千里買けて
くれへんか？

やちゃん誘ってOK貰れたんや、
最後のお昼び
最後でな一杯!!
二人きりはNG
ゆうから・なっ!!

いつの・
話や!!

DO YOU REMEMBER, SHUJI, THE DAY THE BIKERS WERE INCINERATED LIKE RUBBISH?

.FEELS GUILTY: SHE TELLS HERSELF THAT SHE DIDN'T STOP HIM, THAT SHE ENCOURAGED HIM.

MY FIANCEE

IT WAS THE DAY YOU INVITED ME TO A DRINK FOR THE FIRST TIME

"BUT WHEN TOSHIYA LEFT THE JOB, I DID NOT DARE SPEAK TO HIM."

MIZU

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WHAT TIME IS IT?

WHAT ...

"I AM A WEAK BEING IT'S FOR THE
BEST IF I DON'T HAVE A GREAT POWER.

MISUMI!

HE FELT SOMEONE'S GAZE ON HIM.

SPIT EVERYTHING YOU KNOW!

ALL THIS IS MERELY THE RESULT OF HIS CHOICES.

WAS IT "MON", "ANOTHER HIMSELF", "PEOPLE HE HAD KILLED", OR MAYBE... AS HE THOUGHT OF WHAT COULD THE WORLD BE, SEEN THROUGH THE EYES OF THOSE THAT WERE WATCHING HIM, HE FINALLY BECAME A HUMAN BEING.

JANUARY 1ST NEW YORK

Three

Two

One

A Happy New Year!!

154 UNKNOWN

DOGWOOD HAYES
PRESIDENT OF THE USA

TOKYO

OCCUR-ING ON DECEM-BER 24TH AT 19:00

THE "EVE MASSACRE" WHICH SAW 68 BOMB ATTACKS OCCURING SIMU TANE-OUS.Y IN TOKYO

162 DEAD

524 WOUNDED

PLEASE QUEUE HERE

To Be Continued

IS AN UNPRECE-DENTED TER-ROR ST ACT THAT HAS SHAKEN JAPAN AND THE WHOLE WORLD

AND HAS ENGRAVED IN A.. OF US THE NAME "TOSHI-MON"

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MATSUMAE HOKKAIDO
SHIRAGAMI CAPE

LET'S TRY TO IDENTIFY THE JAPANESE DEITIES ADMRA. ISOROKJ YAMAMOTO. TETSJHARJ KAWAKAMI. NAGASHIMA. JTADA. TSUNKJ COUNTLESS

YOU TALK RUBBISH!

DEDICATED TO THE MONSTER WHICH KILLED 450 PEOPLE WE MAINTAIN THAT THE JAPANESE MENTALITY IS MINDBOGGLING

FROM THIS UNBELIEVABLE PILGRIMAGE CARRIED OUT AT A PLACE

LONDON

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FOOLISH*

*(IN ENGLISH)

HEADQUARTERS OF JSDF OF THE TOHOKU REGION
OPERATIONS OFFICE TEAM LEADER
JUN SAKAMOTO

MIYAGI PREFECTURE CITY OF SENDAI
AOBA-KU HIGASH-AIGO

1549 UNKNOWN

THE GOVERNMENT THAT HAMAGUCHI HAD FORMED THE SAME DAY.

AFTER A VOTE AT AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARLIAMENT ON DECEMBER 28TH, SHOWED A BITTER SMILE

THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER, TAKEHIKO HAMAGUCHI, WHO BECAME A PRIME MINISTER...

EXC-USE ME?

I DON'T WANT TO BE THE PUPPET OF HAYES AND TAKENAKA, I DON'T WANT TO TAKE CARE OF THIS MONSTER, I DON'T WANT TO WIPE YURI'S ARSE!

DON'T WANT!

I DON'T BLOODY CARE

MR PR ME M N S-TER.

HERE IS MY REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE OPERATION OF TRANS-PORTING HIGUMA-DON

BUT ALSO PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES, LIKELY TO HINDER THE CONVOY ON ITS JOURNEY, WERE DISASSEMBLED.

IN SENDAI, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLAN OF "TRANSPORTING HIGU-MADON", THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 20 KM OF ROAD, SEPARATING THE "CAGE" AND THE REST OF SENDAI, CONTINUED.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS, ROAD SIGNS...

DISASSEMBLING OF GUARDRAILS

BRIDGE REINFORCEMENTS THE OPERATION, WHICH SERVED AN UNPRECEDENTED OBJECTIVE IN HISTORY, CONTINUED

SAKA-MOTO!

SHH HHH !!!

SH HH

ARE YOU BLOODY SERIOUS, SAKAMOTO !

THE IMPACT OF THE BULLETS HAS BEEN RESOR-BED

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BODY TEMPERA-TURE SLIGHTLY HIGH

BR OO O

BLOP

BLOP

ISABELLE CHAMPETIER
MOLECULAR BIOLOGY
RESEARCHER

AH!

UA AH!

AH!

I AM THE WINNER!

SAKAMOTO! YOU WERE RIGHT!?*

*(N ENG-LISH)

BRA-VO!

GREAT!

PRESS

STRONG HEART! SAKAMOTO!

*. N ENGLISH)

TO ALL THE REGEAR-CHERS! SAKAMOTO WILL ADDRESS US ALL.

SAKAMOTO HAS SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING A SAMPLE OF THE SKIN AND IN RETURNING UNSCATHED! TO ALL YOU JOURNALISTS! THE BETS AND THE INTERVIEWS WILL BE LATER!

GEISHA! ALL TO KABU-KICHO!

SHIT!

THAT I WAS HOPING YOU WERE GOING TO LOSE

THE FIRST TIME, BEFORE HIGUMADON, I TOLD YOU.

A SAMURAI !!!

I ALSO WANTED TO TELL YOU: "ON THIS WORLD THERE S A SACRED TERR TORY NO ONE SHOULD VIOLATE!"

HAHAHA

HAHAHA

WHICH S WHAT EARNED ME YOUR DISLIKE AND SEVERE CR TIC SM

BUT IN FACT, YOU WERE A VERY BRAVE CONTESTANT

"TELL US MORE ABOUT WHAT IS TH.S SACRED TERRITORY THAT NO ONE SHOULD VIOLATE."

"US RESEARCHERS DO NOT FEAR FA LURE."

AT THAT TIME, PROFESSOR CHAMPETIER LOOKED AT ME SMILING, AND TOLD ME THE FOLLOWING:

AND I CAN MORE OR LESS UNDERSTAND THEM. WHAT ABOUT YOU, PROFESSOR?

I CAN UNDER-STAND IT, YES. BUT IF YOU WANT MY OPINION, AN MISM OR POLYTHEISM ARE A S GN OF ALL THAT IS PR MITIVE.

AT THE END OF THIS PATH IS THE SACRED TERRITORY THAT NO ONE SHOULD VIOLATE, WHERE THERE IS NO D!STINCTION IN TERMS OF ETHNICITY, CULTURE OR RELIGION. YOU SEE THAT?

THAT'S FIRST AND FOREMOST REL GION I'VE HEARD THAT ALL FIELDS OF SCIENCE LEAD TO RELIGION, REGARDLESS OF WHAT GOD IS WORSH PPED

AND YOU SEE HIGUMADON AS AN ILLUSTRATION OF TH S THEORY? YOU SHOULD TALK MORE ABOUT GOD AND LESS ABOUT RELIGION. I LEARNED THAT SOME PEOPLE HAVE MADE AN OBJECT OF WORSH P OUT OF HIGUMADON, YOU KNOW

"KNOW YOUR PLACE, DON'T TOUCH WHAT IS UNKNOWN AND PRAY", THAT'S WHAT YOU WANTED TO SAY?

NOT PR MITIVE, NO I'D SAY ESSENTIAL.

PEOPLE NEED TO BE REMINDED OF THE R OWN POWERLESS-NESS THEREFORE THERE MUST BE SOMETHING THEY SHOULD DEFINITELY NOT SEEK TO CONTROL

NO

I THINK THAT THE INTEREST IN THE UNKNOWN IS AN ESSENTIAL ASPIRATION FOR HUMANITY.

EINSTEIN, AFTER HAVING INVENTED THE ATOMIC BOMB, HAD BEEN RIDDLED WITH GUILT DO YOU THINK HE WOULD HAVE MADE THE SAME CHOICES IF HE WERE BORN AGAIN?

THE IMPORTANT PART IS THAT RESEARCHERS LIKE YOU TRY HARD TO LIGHT THE PATH OF THE PROGRESS ON WHAT IS UNKNOWN TO US, AND THAT AMONG ALL POSSIBLE PATHS, HUMANITY CHOSES THE ONE IT WILL TAKE

MAN SHOULD NOT POSSES THAT WHICH HE CANNOT CONTROL.

TO SUMMA-R ZE, THERE IS ANOTHER TERRITORY THAT MUST NOT BE VIOLATED.

YOU KNOW LITTLE OF THE MATTER, MR NORMAN, THAT'S ALL

MR SAKA-MOTO!

WHAT ?

TH S BEAST IS HUGE, SURE NOT AS MUCH AS A WHALE, HOWEVER! SO PUTTING IT ON THE SAME LEVEL AS THE ATOMIC BOMB, THAT'S GO NG A B T TOO FAR, ISN'T IT?

PERSONALLY, I AM NOT CONVINCED.

ELIOTT NORMAN
BRITISH TIMES JOURNALIST

EH . MR NORMAN, DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?

CAN YOU TELL ME WHEN EXACTLY HAVE OUR TWO COUNTRIES REACHED A CONCLUSION ON THIS MATTER, PROFESSOR GRAHAM?

THE SCIENCE RESEARCHES WILL BE CONDUCTED BY US, IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF OUR COUNTRY I'D ALSO LIKE IF YOU COULD AVO D ANY INAPPROPR.ATE BEHAVIOUR, L KE A GENERA. D STR BU-TION OF THE SAMPLE, FOR EXAMPLE.

SADDENED TO BE THE K..LJOY, LET ME REM ND YOU THAT YOUR ROLE HERE ENDS WITH THE TRANSPORT OF MIGJMADON.

ARTHUR L GRAHAM
AMERICAN RESEARCHER OF ANIMAL ECOLOGY

IT'S AN AMERICAN TRADITON.

THEY HAVE MADE AN ART OUT OF EXPLOITA-TION

.....

COUGH!

LEND ME YOUR KNIFE, PLEASE

IN SHORT. ALL THIS BEING SAID .

.WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT MAN IS HIS YEARNING TO FACE CHALLENGES. THUS I WOULD BE VERY HAPPY IF MY ACTIONS WERE USEFUL TO MANKIND

UNITED STATES

ABOVE ALL

. THE POINT THAT SHOULD GRAB YOUR ATTENTION IS ITS EXCESSIVE GROWTH MR PRIME MINISTER.

JANUARY 18TH

I SEE.

KEVIN

I FEEL EMPTY EVER S NCE THE AIR BOMBINGS STOPPED

H GUMADON HAS BEEN SEEN FOR THE FIRST TIME AROUND SHICHIHE DATE, IN SHIMONOKUNI, HOKKAIDO, THE SAME PLACE WHERE A METEOR TE HAS H T A SHED

KEVIN WILSON
DIRECTOR OF THE FOUNDATION FOR ENVIRONMENT AND LIVING BEINGS

OKAY ! NEED YOUR ATTENTION, MR PRES.- DENT

MOREOVER, ITS SEX HASN'T BEEN CONFIRMED YET ALSO, FOR NOW, WE CAN ONLY SAY THAT TH S ABRUPT MUTATION HAS AN UNKNOWN ORIGIN, AND THAT IT HAS AFFECTED ONLY ONE UNIQUE SPECIMEN

KEVIN.

SUPPOSING THAT A BEAR LIVING N THIS MOUNTA N WAS AFFECTED BY THIS PHENOME- NON THAT ITS EXCESSIVE GROWTH WAS NITIATED.

. BUT AT THE MOMENT, A RESEARCH CENTER IN TOKYO IS STILL CONSIDER NG THE MATTER.

THE METEORITE RADIATION WAS NOT UNUSUAL AT ALL..

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A MUTATION THIS ABRUPT SEEMS TOO FAST TO JUST FOLLOW THE FALL OF THE METEORITE.

OR WHETHER IT OCCURED AFTER ITS B RTH AND THEN CANCEROUS CELLS HAVE DEVELOPPED

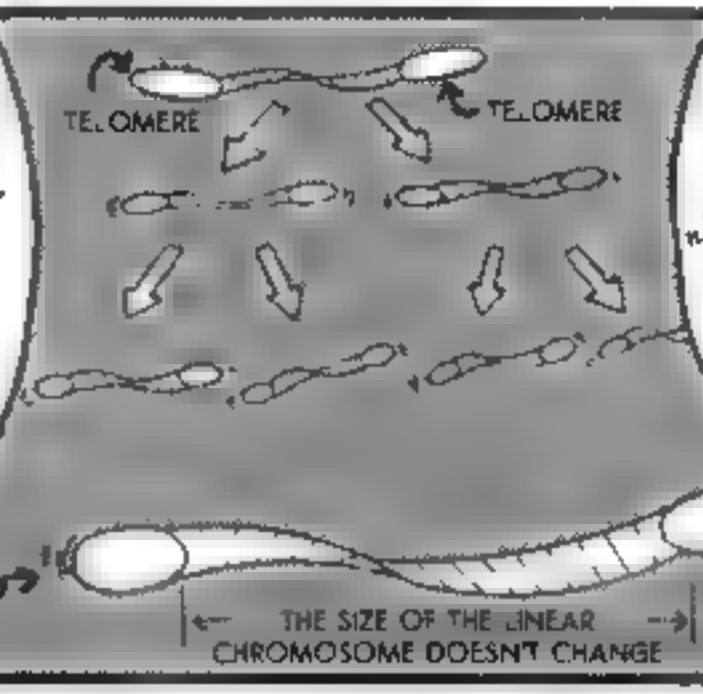
WH LE IT WAS STILL N THE STAGE OF A FERTI- LIZED EGG..

HIGUMADON IS NOT AN ENEMY, IT'S AN ALLY

IF AT THE END IT ALL COMES DOWN TO AN "ABRUPT MUTATION", HOW DO YOU LIKE ME BURNING IT?

IF THE TEL-OMERES REACH A STAGE WHERE IT IS NOT POSS BLE TO SHORTEN ANYMORE, THE CELL DIVISION STOPS AND THE CELL SENESCENCE BEGINS.

IN EACH CELL DIVISION THEY ARE SHORTENED.



THESE REGIONS ARE CALLED "TELOMERES".

AT BOTH ENDS OF LINEAR DNA THERE ARE REGIONS ASSOCIATED WITH CELLULAR SENES-CENCE AND FRE-QUENCY OF CELL DIVISION

YES. IT'S ME GIVE ME YOU REPORT ON THE OPERATION GOING ON IN TOKYO.

TELO-MERES, HUH.

.....

IF WE STUDY ITS TELOMERES, WE MAY FIND A METHOD TO PREVENT THEIR SHORTENING IN OTHER WORDS, IF WE SOLVE THIS MYSTERY...

IN TWO MONTHS, HIGUMADON HAS GROWN BY 15 METERS

WHAT'S MORE, IF WE COULD GET OUR HANDS ON AN UNLIMITED CELL DIVISION, WE COULD REALIZE THE DREAM THAT HUMANITY HAS ALWAYS HAD IMMORTALITY

WE COULD EQUALLY CREATE A NEW BIOLOGICAL WEAPON AND AN ANTIDOTE FOR IT

.WE COULD INVENT A NEW CANCER TREAT-MENT, WHICH SURVIVES THE CELL DIVISION.

?!?!?

..PRESIDENT HAYES LANDED IN TOKYO, WHERE MANY WORRY ABOUT THE DETERIO-RATING SECUR TY.

HE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF A TOUR OF SOUTH-EAST ASIA

TO CONDUCT A SPECIAL INSPECTION IN SENDAI ON THE OPERATION OF TRANSPORTING HIGUMADON.

MON.

ON BEHALF OF THE PERSON IN CHARGE, I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR REC-OMMENDATIONS ON THE IMPLE-MENTATION OF SECURITY SYS.

A MONTH AFTER THE "EVE MASS-ACRE"...

09:41 TOKYO
HANEDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

ON MY NEXT VISIT I'D LIKE TO SEE "MON" IN A CAGE.

EXC-USE ME?

HITOSHI SAKURAI
CHIEF OF THE DIPLOMATIC AFFAIRS DIVISION AT THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

COME ON, TAMIO!

HURRY!

DING DING DING

NAGASAKI PREFECTURE
CITY OF NAGASAKI

SEIJI WHO DID YOU WANT ME TO MEET?

I . . I CAN'T BREATH!

RUN! WITH ME YOUR LIFE OF WHINING IS OVER!

MR PRESIDENT WE ARE ALMOST ABOVE IT

AT THE SAME TIME
MIYAGI PREFECTURE
CITY OF SENDAI

I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU FOR A LONG TIME, "CARL"

TAMIO! RELAX A BIT!

LET ME INTRO-DUCE YOU CARL VINSON, FROM SASEBO. I CAME UP WITH THAT NICKNAME, "CARL"

YOU'VE ALREADY SEEN HIM SOME-WHERE, HAVEN'T YOU?

THE DEMON-GOD "MON"

TOO SMALL.*

*(N ENGLISH)

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DON'T RESIST. ACCEPT. EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED.

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JANUARY 19TH
HIROSHIMA PREFECTURE
CITY OF HIROSHIMA

SIGN: TRADITIONAL CUISINE BUJITA

KAH!

LET US COME WITH YOU!!!

WITH YOU UNTIL THE END!!!

TOKYO
BUNKYO-KU
T UNIVERSITY

RESIGNATION

FOR ME IT'S NOT SUDDEN I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT FOR THREE YEARS, PROFESSOR.

FACULTY OF SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED CHEMISTRY
RESEARCHERS HALL

JUST L KE THAT, SO SUDDENLY ?

EHIME PREFECTURE
CITY OF NAKAJÔ

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I HAVE RETURNED AFTER A YEAR OF SILENCE! THE LEGENDARY BOSS OF THE GANG "TYPHOONS OF HELL"!

FROM NOW ON, MY NAME IS "MON"!

WE'VE ALREADY DIED ONCE! SO LET'S GO ALL THE WAY!!

CLICK
CLICK
CLACK
CLACK

> IT MOVES?

> YES. IT MOVES!

I AFFIRM ...

MYSELF

I AFFIRM ...

MYSELF

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SHIZUOKA PREFECTURE
CITY OF FUJI

> OF ALL THINGS IT WAS THIS SISSY WHO STARTED THE MOVEMENT...
> OF ALL THINGS IT WAS THIS SISSY TOSHIYA MISUMI THAT STARTED THE MOVEMENT, YES.

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IF IT IS TO FULFILL THE WISHES OF MY CHILD, TAKE ALL THE MONEY YOU NEED

"ANGEL"? WHO'S THAT?

> THERE'S SOME EVEN IN THE POLICE AND THE JSDF. IT SEEMS.
> YES, AND ALSO IN THE MEDIA AND IN THE BUSINESS WORLD.

HYOGO PREFECTURE
CITY OF HIMENO

"H'S WORDS"

WHAT?

DID YOU HEAR?

NAGASAKI PREFECTURE
CITY OF NAGASAKI

EVERY-THING... IS CON-NECTED.

ACCEPT

YES!

DON'T RES ST

O... OKAY!

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HA AA!

AN ARMED GROUP ON BOARD OF TWO HELICOPTERS, HAS SUDDENLY BJST ONTO THE SCENE AND HAS TAKEN DOWN 4 HELI-COPTER, BELONGING TO THE MEDIA AND THE POLICE. THE GROUP THEN BLOCKED THE ROAD AND OPENED FIRE, RESULTING IN MORE THAN A HUNDRED CASUAL-TIES, BOTH DEAD AND WOUNDED, AMONG THE RANKS OF THE INVESTIGATORS AND MILITARY POLICE, BEFORE ESCAPING.

ABOUT 13:00 TODAY..

.. TOSHIYA MISUMI HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED!

WHILE BEING TAKEN AWAY NOT FAR FROM THE HANAMI INTER-CHANGE, ON THE ROAD TO TOHOKU, IN THE IWATE PREFECTURE, FOR THE RECONSTRJCTION OF THE MJRDERS OF POLICE OFFICERS, COMMITED BY TOSHI-MON ON THE 29TH LAST NOVEMBER

DLING DLING DLING DLING

NOTHING IS MORE PRECIOUS THAN LIFE! AND NOW, THE COM-MERCIAL BREAK!

BOSS! I MANAGED TO OBTAIN GREAT COMMENTARY FROM THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS!

YEES

GRAN TEST

TERRORIST NEIGHBOUR!!!

ARE YOU A TERRORIST?

FROM NOW ON, WE CAN SAY THAT IN JAPAN, TERRORIST ACTS ARE NOT LIMITED TO TOSHI-MON. WE NEED TO PREPARE OURSELVES FOR THE INCOMING ERA OF TERRORISM.

INDEED. MOVING NOW TO OUR SPECIAL RUBRIC DEDI-CATED TO THE TERRORISM ABROAD!

JANUARY 25TH
NIIGATA PREFECTURE
CITY OF TOYOGOSHI

> THAT'S IT! TOSHIYA MISUMI IS DEAD!

> THAT'S IT! THE VILLAIN WAS KILLED!

YET LFE MJST BE CHER-ISHED

YOU ARE RIGHT. IT SHOULD BE CHERISHED AND CHER-ISHED. NOW, THE COMMER-CIAL BREAK!

SPECIAL BROADCAST! SPECIAL BROADCAST! LARGE SURVEY: LISTEN THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE! THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS OF TOSHI-MON LIVE ON SET!

SHIYA MISUMI MURD

APPROVE

DISAPP

GO GET A COMMEN-TARY FROM TOSHI'S FATHER!

THAT'S IT. HE WILL CRY!

NEW SUDDEN DEVELOP-MENT! THE ATROCIOUSLY MUTILATED BODY OF TOSHIYA MISUMI HAS JUST BEEN DISCOV ERED !!

A WITCH HUNT?

THE LIZARD CUT ITS TAIL OFF?

SANAE, WOULD YOU MIND BE ING MY HOSTAGE TOMORROW?

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A MAIL !!

HM MM?

JANUARY 27TH
KANAGAWA PREFECTURE
CITY OF YOKOHAMA

THE BOOM OF "BOY A, 14 YEARS OLD, FROM KOBE"!

THE BOOM OF "I'M 17 AND I STAB THOSE WHO BORE ME"!

THE BOOM OF "TOSHI-MON"! IN EACH CASE, YOU HAVE BRAIN-WASHED US!

THE MEDIA ARE THE KILLERS!

BUNCH OF ARSEHOLES! YOU ARE ALL FULL OF SHITE!

UNDER THE GUISE OF LIBERTY, OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND OF JUSTICE, YOU BRAINWASH US IN ORDER TO FILL YOUR POCKETS! YOU ARE TERRORISTS!

THE CONSTANT RELEASE OF INFORMATION KILLED PEOPLE! YOUR MER-CANTILE SPIRIT KILLS OUR FUTURE!

YOU ARE THE ADULTS WHO EXERT THE STRONGEST INFLUENCE BUT YOU TAKE NO RESPONSIBILITY! YOU ARE THE SEWER RATS WHO MAKE A DISGUSTING BUSINESS! THAT'S WHAT YOU, THE MEDIA, ARE!

I SAY THIS LOUD AND CLEAR SO THAT YOU CAN'T HIDE FROM YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES THIS CRIME HAS TO BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE MEDIA! MAKE A NEWS COVERAGE!

IN THE NAME OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES, IT SPREADS THE DOGMA OF UNPUNISHED MURDER!

THE JUSTICE SYSTEM COLLUDED WITH THE MURDERERS!

THE SAME DAY CITY OF OSAKA

WHAT ARE YOU, THE EXTREME SUPPORTERS OF JUSTICE, GOING TO SAY? WE ARE COMPLETELY BONKERS SO ARE YOU GOING TO PROTECT US? GO AHEAD, PROTECT US!

NO FUTURE FOR THE CRIMINALS! DO YOU CUNTS NOT SEE THAT YOUR JUSTICE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RECIDIVISM? YOU ARE THEIR ACCOMPLICES!!!

NO ONE SHOULD ENDANGER THE LIFE OF OTHERS.. HOW CONVENIENT

WE ARE SATURATED WITH UNNEEDED INFORMATION. TO THE POINT THAT IT'S PAINFUL. I REFUSE TO LET THIS INTERFERE WITH MY LIFE. THE RELIGION OF PROGRESS DISGUSTS ME.

THE COMPUTERS ARE DESIGNED FOR BUSINESS, THE SAME BUSINESS WHICH HOLDS THE PROMISE OF JOYOUS TOMORROWS.

WE LIVE IN A TIME WHERE WE CAN CONNECT TO THE WORLD IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE. WE STORE HEAPS OF KNOWLEDGE WHICH IS BELIEVED TO INCLUDE EVERYTHING AT ALL.

AT THE SAME TIME AICHI PREFECTURE CITY OF NAGOYA

> FOR THE SOCIETY. FOR THE PEOPLE. THEY MUST UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR VERY FLESH!
> FOR THE SOCIETY. FOR THE PEOPLE. THEY MUST UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR VERY FLESH!

LAW FIRM

AHP

HUH? HUH? HUH?

HELLO? HUH?

JANUARY 30TH : SERIES OF SIMULTANEOUS TERRORIST ATTACKS IN THE KANTO REGION, MAINLY IN TOKYO.

MAJOR NEWSROOMS, TV CHANNELS AND RADIO STATIONS, HEADQUARTERS OF THE BIGGEST MEDIA GROUPS: 28 COMPANIES AFFECTED.
TELEPHONE OPERATORS, ELECTRICITY SUPPLIERS, MAIN INFRASTRUCTURES: 52 FACILITY AFFECTED.
JUDGES, ADVOCATES AND EMPLOYEES FROM THE JUSTICE SECTOR: 143 DEAD.
TOTAL NUMBER OF DEATHS: 3874. TOTAL NUMBER OF INJURED: 10362.
THE CAPITAL IS PARALYZED.

FOLLOWING THE "EVE MASSACRE", WHICH OCCURRED AT THE END OF THE YEAR THAT HAD JUST PASSED, THIS TERRORIST UNDERTAKING, AIMED AT PARALYZING THE CAPITAL, STUNNED THE WORLD AND DEPRIVED JAPAN FROM ANY CREDIBILITY IN THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THE WORLD QUESTIONED THE ABILITY OF JAPAN TO MAINTAIN PUBLIC ORDER AND CONDUCT POLICE OPERATIONS.

CONDEMNATIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD WERE AIMED NOT ONLY AT THE INDIVIDUALS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE ACTS OF THIS GROUP, WHICH WAS PROBABLY DRIVEN BY A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION REVOLVING AROUND MON, BUT THEY ALSO STIGMATISED THE PREVAILING CLIMATE OF THE NATION AND OF THE AGE, WHICH HAD PUSHED THESE INDIVIDUALS TO TAKE PART IN THESE SAME ACTS.

THE MORAL AND ETHICS OF THE IRRELIGIOUS JAPANESE PEOPLE WERE ALSO QUESTIONED.

YEAH A BUS CAME TO ME AND I WAS ASKED "DO YOU NOT WANT REVENGE?"

WE WERE TOLD THAT IT'S IN EVERYONE'S INTEREST IF WE WERE BLINDFOLDED, AND SUDDENLY I DIDN'T HAVE THE SLIGHTEST IDEA WHERE WE WERE GOING

ON THE WAY, I SENSED THE SMELL OF THE SEA.

THE TWELVE PEOPLE SEATING IN THIS MINIBUS HAD THAT IN COMMON: ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILY HAVE BEEN KILLED BY TOSHI-MON

SAME NIGHT, AKITA PREFECTURE CITY OF AKITA

YOU. KILLED TOSHIYA MISUMI?

SHIC

I BEG YOU. DON'T RESIST THE URGES IN YOUR HEARTS. ACCEPT THEM.

AND THEN, SOME GUY SPOKE TO US.

WHEN I COULD SEE AGAIN, I WAS INSIDE A SHACK AND WEAPONS WERE DISTRIBUTED AMONG US..

THIS IS THE OFFER WE'RE MAKING AS A PARTIAL COMPENSATION FOR THE UNJUSTLY LOST LIVES.

WE ARE ACTING OUT OF CHARITY. REST ASSURED THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL YOU BE BOTHERED BY THE LAW.

EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED TO THE FUTURE AND TO THE INTENTIONS OF GOD.

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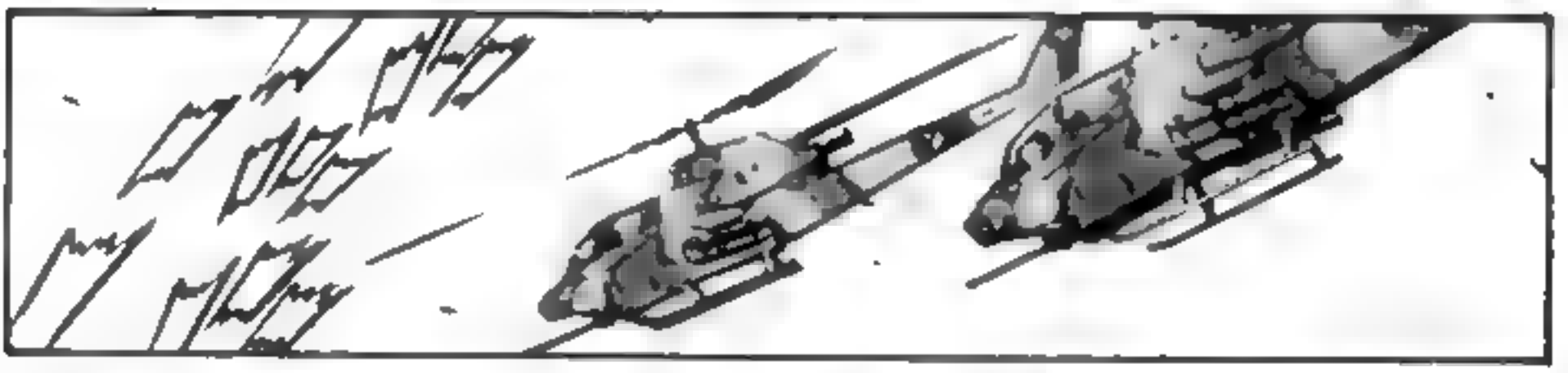
FEBRUARY 10TH
MIYAGI PREFECTURE CITY OF SENDAI



THE TRANSPORTATION OF HIGUMADON TOOK PLACE WHILE JAPAN WAS IN A CRISIS SITUATION.

A transport operation unexampled in history has now started.

Carrying "Higumadon", a transporter slowly travels 20kms across Sendai City to the Sendai harbor.

AT THE HARBOUR OF SENDAI...

While the whole world observes, the hazardous

loading work is now carried out here in the Sendai harbor.

...HAD ON BOARD THE "STUDY SUBJECT", WHO WAS LOADED WITH THE GREATEST CAUTION.

A CARGO SHIP WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO GO THROUGH HAWAII WHERE IT WOULD BOARD THE EQUIPMENT BELONGING TO THE CENTER OF RESEARCH ON WEAPONS AND NAVAL STRATEGIES FAMOUS FOR ITS RESEARCH ON WHALES.

...TO ULTIMATELY BRING IT TO LOS ANGELES...

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THE TASK OF KEEPING HIGUMADON
UNDER SURVEILLANCE...

Attention to
all the audience
in the United States,
the mysterious species
that soon will reveil

BELONGED NOW, NO
MORE TO JSDF.

it's existence has now departed for our country, carrying our hopes with it.

...BUT TO ALMIGHTY AMERICA...

...WHO TOOK OWNERSHIP OF IT.

DON'T RESIST.
ACCEPT.
EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED.

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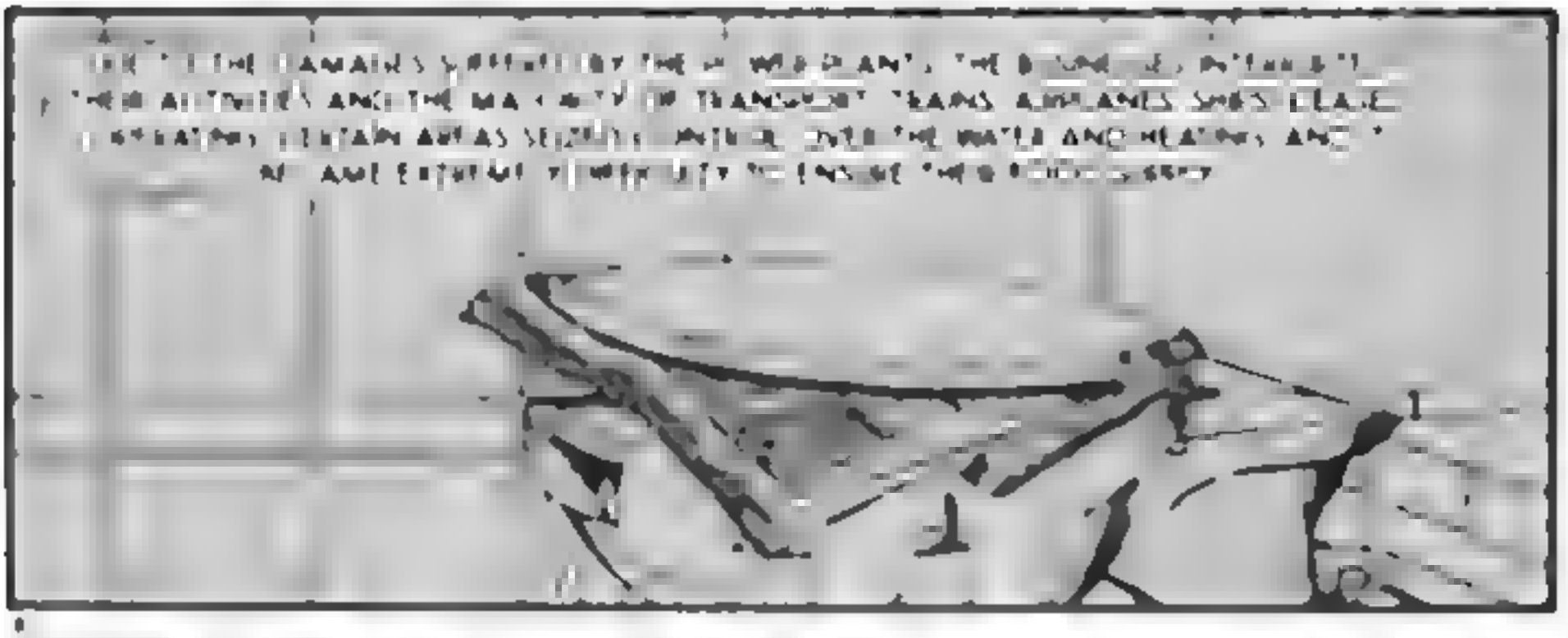
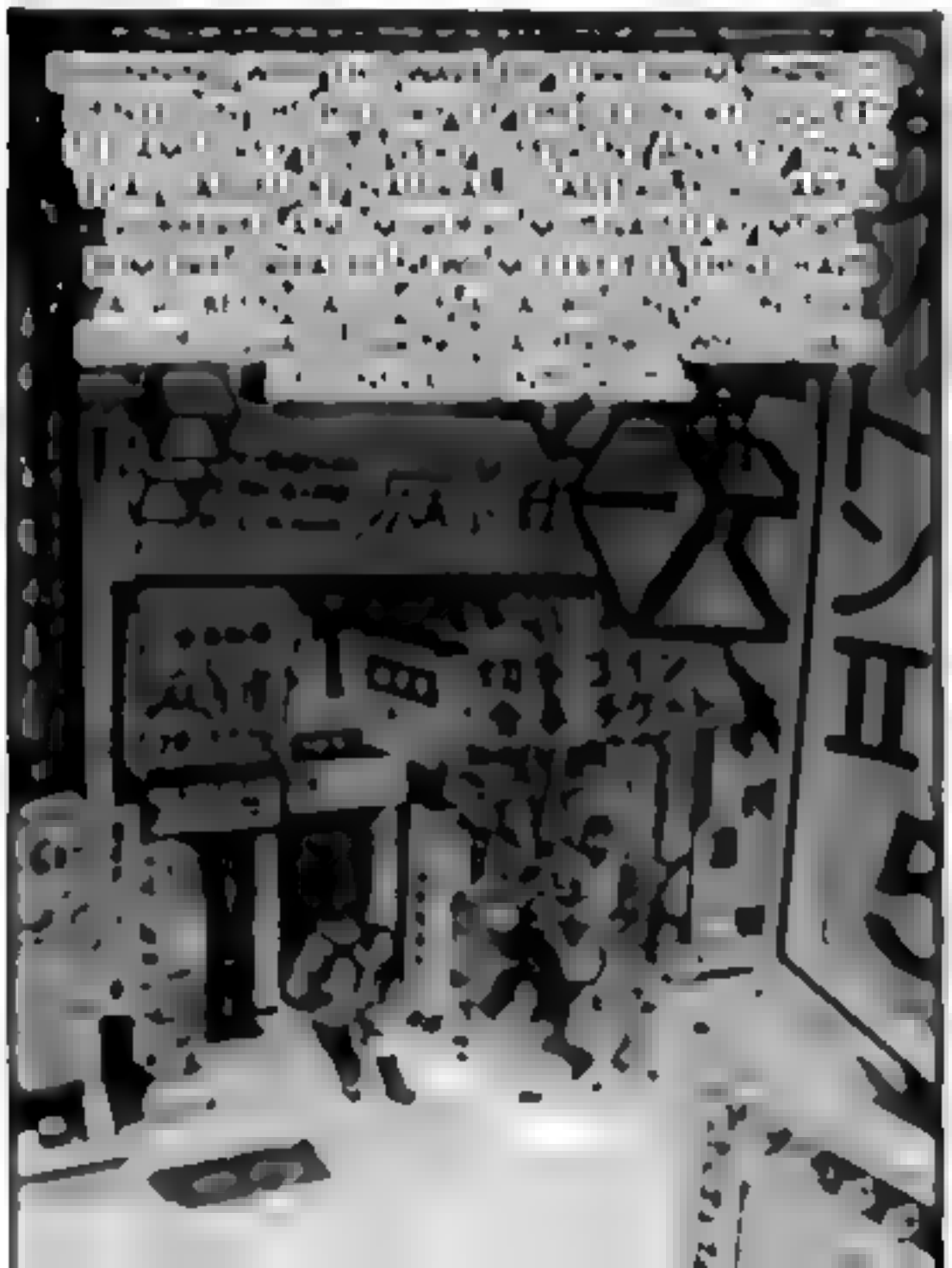
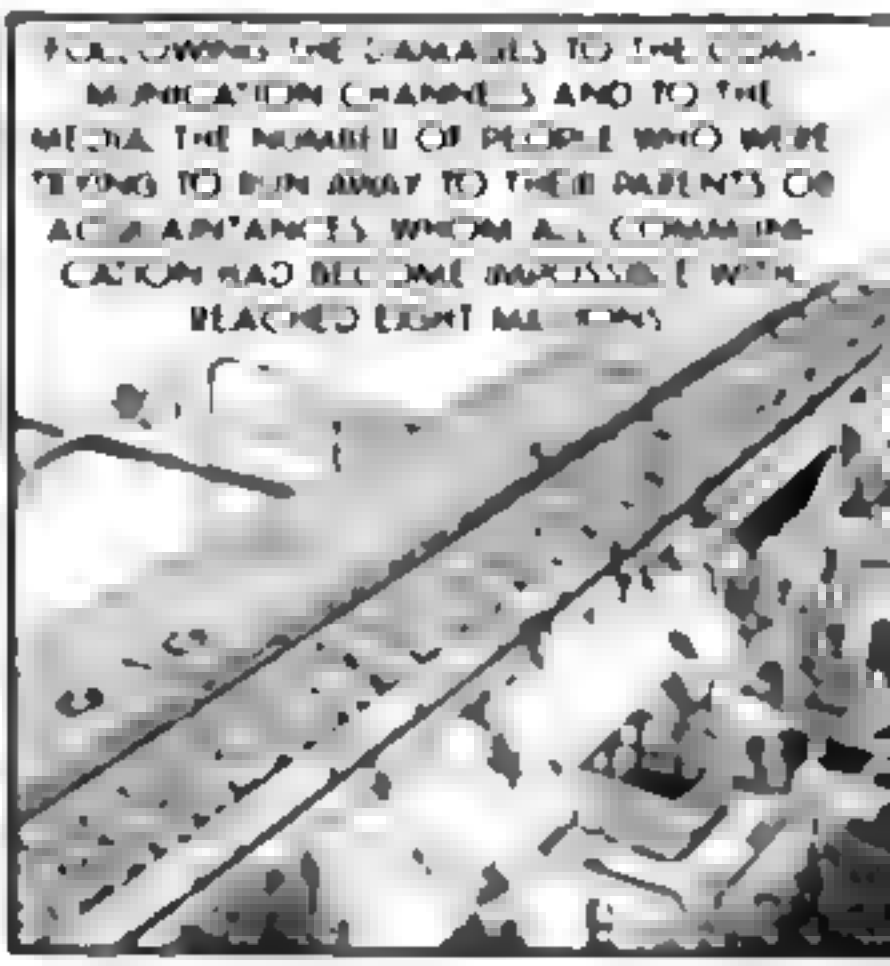
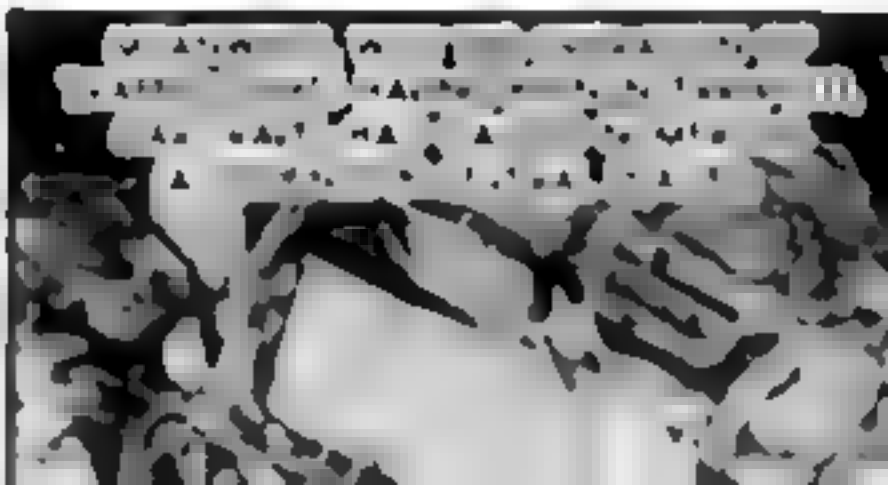





FOLLOWING THE CHANNELS TO THE COMMUNICATION CHANNELS AND TO THE MEDIA THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WERE TRYING TO RUN AWAY TO THEIR PARENTS OR ACQUAINTANCES WHOM ALL COMMUNICATION HAD BECOME IMPOSSIBLE WITH REACHED EIGHT MILLIONS



ANXIOUS TO RETURN ITS OFFICE TO TOKYO AS THE COUNTRY'S CAPITAL.

...THE GOVERNMENT HAD PRESSURED EVERY MINISTER TO TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES, BUT THE ACTIONS ARE PROGRESSING VERY SLOWLY.

I WANT TO DIE!!!

TAKEHIKO HAMAGUCHI PRIME MINISTER

AT THE TOKYO STOCK MARKET, ANY TRANSACTION WAS INTERRUPTED. AT THE NEW YORK STOCK MARKET, THE AVERAGE VALUE OF JAPANESE TRANSACTIONS HAD FALLEN TO 6000 YENS AND THE JAPANESE CURRENCY HAD BEEN DEPRECIATED TO THE POINT WHERE ONE DOLLAR WAS WORTH 240 YENS. FROM NOW ON THE JAPANESE ECONOMY WAS ALSO DYING.

GRAFFITI DON'T RESIST ACCEPT EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED

EVERYTHING HAD STARTED WITH THAT MAN, "MON".

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

WHAT DID YOU WRITE?

DON'T KNOW.

IN THE CITY, COULD BE SEEN SCATTERED HERE AND THERE, AS IF WITH THE INTENTION TO LEAVE MARKS, THINGS WHOSE SHAPE REMINDED OF FUNERAL ORNAMENTS

...AND MESSAGES OF OBSCURE MEANING.

FEBRUARY 10TH { TOTTORI PREFECTURE OMI NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

THE DETAILS ARE UNKNOWN, BUT IT APPEARS THAT THERE WERE ACCOMPLICES AMONG THE STAFF OF THE PLANT!!!

M... MR PRIME MINISTER! PLUTONIUM HAS BEEN STOLEN!!!

WE REPEAT THE PRESENCE OF TOXIC GAS HAS BEEN CONFIRMED.

GET AWAY IMMEDIATELY FROM THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT.

FEBRUARY 11TH
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA BEIJING

MON'S ARMY ESCAPED BY SEA AFTER STEALING THE NUCLEAR FUEL. THEY REMAIN UNTRACEABLE.

Escape from Japan?

Mon?

Mon in Peking?

WHY DIDN'T YOU KILL MON?

YOU, WHO ARE THE PRODUCT OF A SUDDEN MUTATION OF THE HUMAN RACE, ANSWER THIS QUESTION BEFORE JUSTIFYING YOURSELVES BY USING PETTY IDEALS.

ITALY

MR LOYD
BRITISH PRIME MINISTER

DOES JAPAN INTEND TO BLOW THE WIND OF TERRORISM TOWARDS THE WHOLE WORLD?

TO FORGET THE DANGER WHICH NUCLEAR THREAT PRESENTS."

FRANCE

DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE, PRESIDENT ROHMER HAS DECLARED WITH ANGER, I QUOTE: "JAPAN IS A VERY GIFTED NATION STATE..

BUT I AFFIRM THAT IT'S THE INCAPACITY OF THE JAPANESE POLICE FORCES TO TAKE IMMEDIATE MEASURES WHICH ARE THE SOURCE OF ALL THE TROUBLES. YOU, THE JAPANESE, TOO OCCUPIED WITH RESPECTING THE RIGHTS OF THE TERRORISTS AND PARALYZED BY YOUR ATTACHMENT TO THE PROTECTION OF HOSTAGES..

YOU RETORT WITHOUT ANY DOUBT THAT IT'S TOO LATE TO MAKE THIS DECLARATION..

MR KIRCHNER
CHANCELLOR OF GERMANY

WE... WE ARE GOING TO KILL HIM.

ON THIS WORLD, IT'S NEVER CERTAIN WHERE HAPPINESS IS GOING TO COME FROM. BECAUSE OF THESE TERRORIST ACTS, THE BUSINESS, WHICH THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA TURNED JUSTICE INTO, WAS ABOUT TO BE DESTROYED.

FRIGHTENED BY THE TERRORIST ACTS AGAINST JUSTICE A FEW DAYS EARLIER, SUPPORTERS OF THE PRINCIPLE "HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL HUMANS WITHOUT EXCEPTIONS", IN THEIR INALIENABLE RIGHT, REMAINED SILENT.

VIRTUE

IT WILL BE DONE AS SOON AS THE OPPORTU-NITY ARISES

THIS COMES UNDOUBTEDLY LATE, BUT I WISH TO DECLARE SO... SOLEMNLY THAT OUR COUNTRY, JAPAN, WILL NOT BEND TO TERRORISM!

IN... IN THIS CASE, WE ARE DETERMINED TO SEND THE SAT AND THE JSDF ABROAD IF THE SITUATION DEMANDS.

Too Late!!

MON !!!

MR HAYES
PRESIDENT OF THE USA

WASHINGTON DC WHITE HOUSE

FUCK

YOU

UNANI-MOUSLY, THE TERRORIST CALLED "MON"...

FEBRUARY 13TH FRANCE LYON
INTERPOL (INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZATION)

...IS HENCE-FORTH THE SUBJECT TO AN INTERNA-TIONAL SEARCH.

Continue

FEBRUARY 19TH 04:52
PACIFIC OCEAN OFF THE COAST OF HAWAII

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NO IT LOOKS PERFECTLY STILL.

BUT HERE, LOOK! THIS CABLE, DOWN THERE!!!

A MEMBER OF THE CREW ON DUTY ON THE BRIDGE HAS REPORTED TO US THAT THE CABLES WHICH HOLD HIGUMADON PRODUCE FRICTION NOISES.

ABNORMAL?

KITTY HAWK, HERE KIWI 16. I DON'T SEE ANYTHING NEW FROM ABOVE. OVER.

THE CABLES ?

NO .

IT TRIES TO CUT THE CABLES ?

IT... IT'S GETTING HUGE

IF WHAT WE SAW THERE MUST BE DESCRIBED

UNTHINKABLE IMAGES REACH US FROM THE PACIFIC OCEAN, WHERE THE SUN IS ABOUT TO SET DOWN

...IT'S A SOUFFLE'!!

...I'D SAY..

SEE FOR YOUR-SELVES!!!

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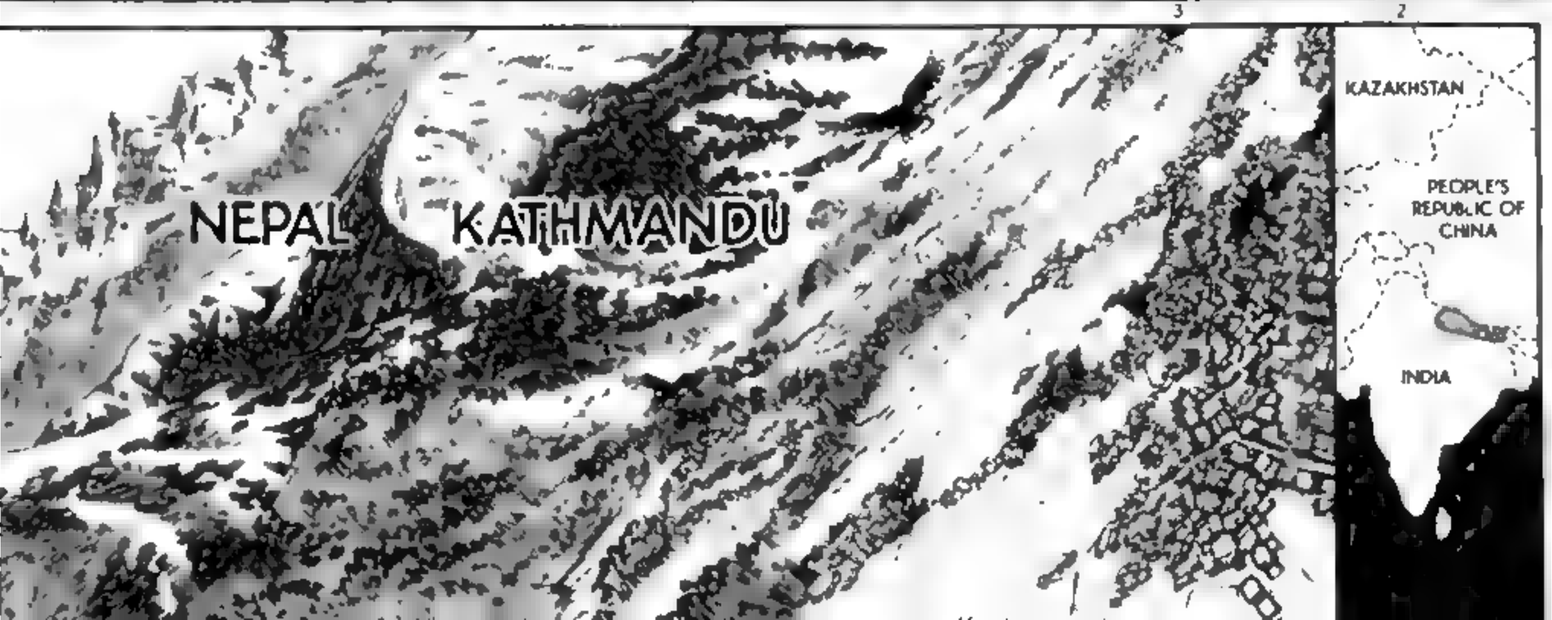
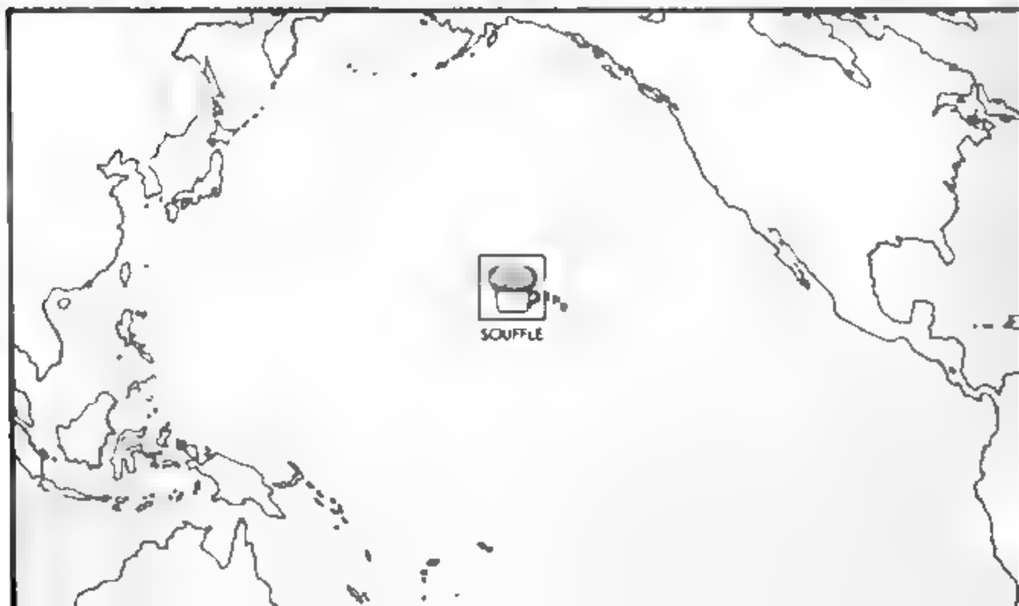




FOUR DAYS EARLIER. THE POLICE OF A VILLAGE IN THE SURROUNDINGS OF KATHMANDU HAD REPORTED THAT "13 CHILDREN OF THE VILLAGE HAVE DISAPPEARED. TAKEN AWAY BY A MAN FROM JAPAN" WHILE SEARCHES CONDUCTED ON THE SAME DAY BY THE VILLAGERS AND POLICEMEN WERE LEFT UNSUCCESSFUL, ON THE NEXT DAY, THE 17TH, AROUND NOON, ALL CHILDREN RETURNED HOME UNHARMED

What did he do?

AS SOON AS THE INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED AT INTERPOL, AN INVESTIGATOR WAS DISPATCHED. THE AGENT SENT TO THE SITE INTERROGATED THE OLD MAN WHO HAD HOSTED THIS "JAPANESE" THE NIGHT OF THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE CHILDREN!

NO I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING

"WAS HE REALLY HERE?"

"D D YOU SEE HIM?"

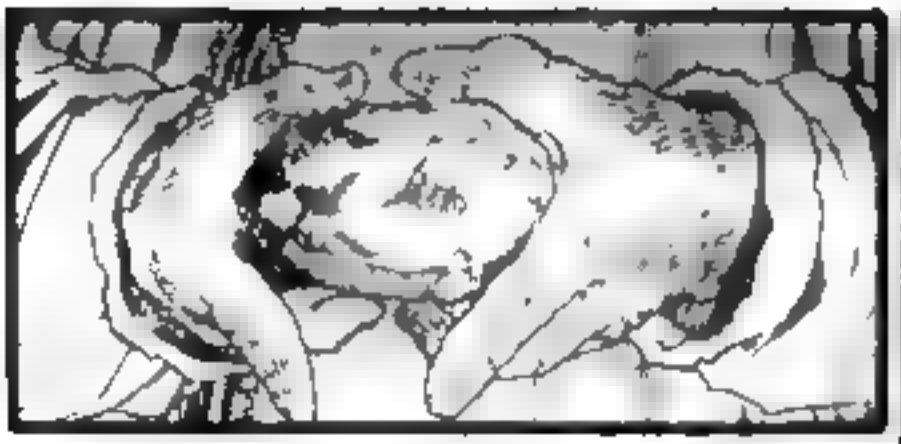
NOTHING ... NOTHING AT ALL.

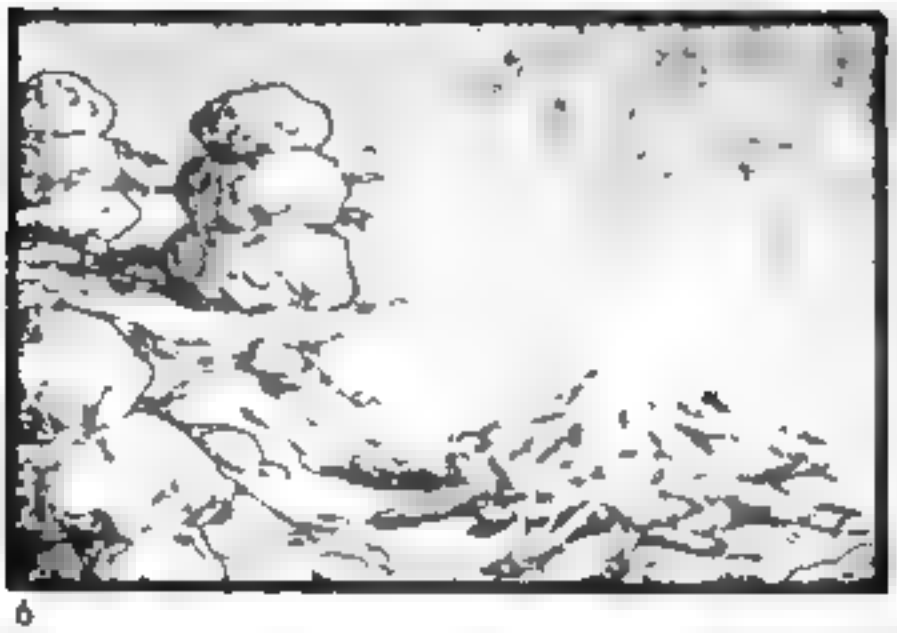
"WHAT DID HE DO?"

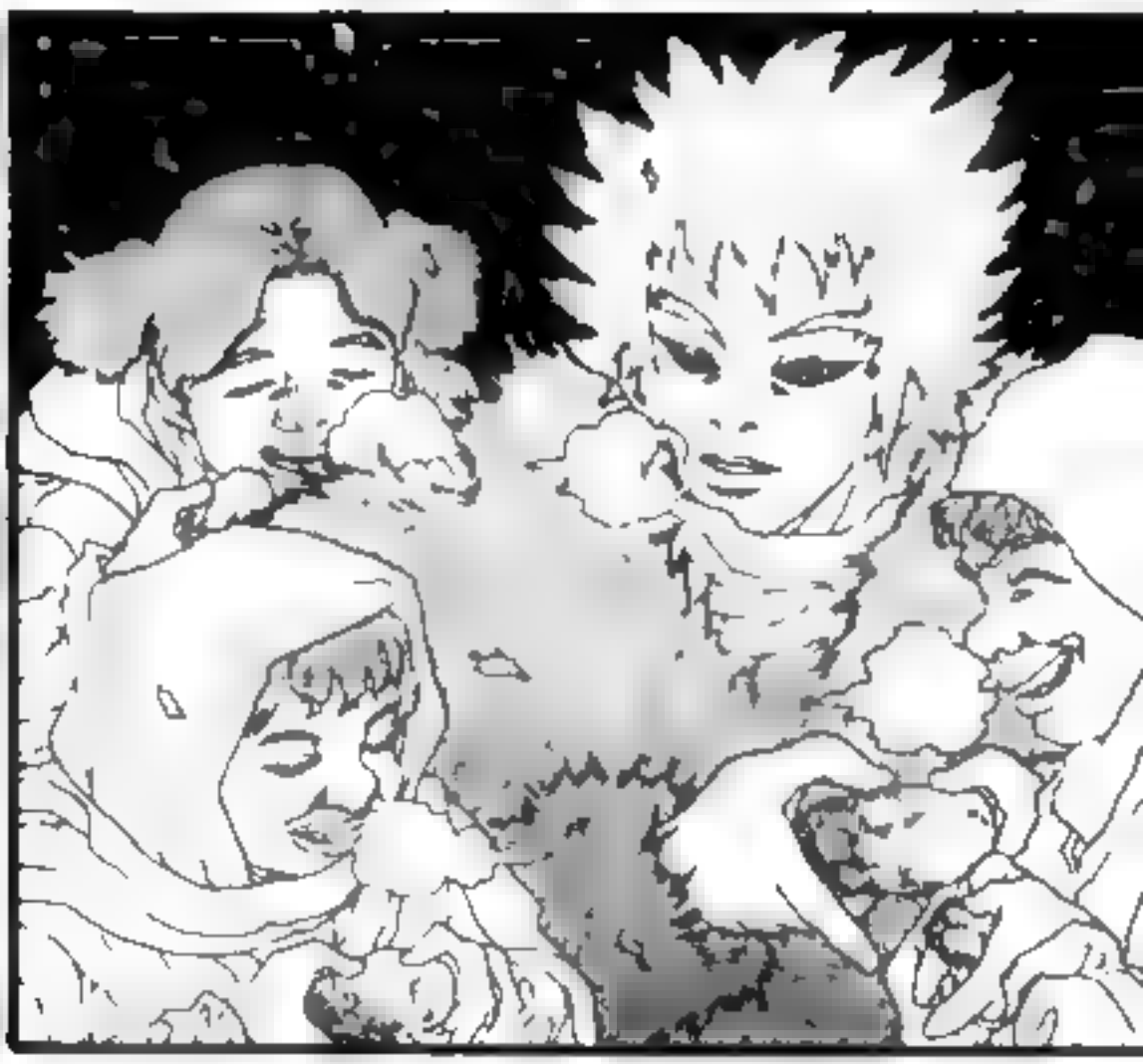
YES. HE WAS THERE, THAT'S ALL.

A... CREW-MEMBERS OF THE CARGO SHIP THAT SANK HAVE BEEN RESCUED!!!

HIGUMADON'S EXCESSIVE GROWTH CONTINUES!!! NO. NEITHER BELLIGERENT INTENTIONS DISPLAYED, NOR ANY THREATENING BEHAVIOR







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BUT IF I CAN ADD ONE THING, I'D SAY THAT ITS EXISTENCE IS ACTUALLY A THREAT.

HERE

HE'S HERE!!

WHERE D D HE GO?

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HEADQUARTERS OF THE PACIFIC FLEET OF THE USA

ITS EXIST-ENCE S A THREAT.

CHANCE TO TAKE IN TOW?

IN MY OPINION, NO

THE ATTACK IS CANCELED!!! CONTINUE THE SURVEILLANCE MANEJVERS!!!

HIG IMADON CURRENTLY HAS THE SHAPE OF A SPHERE WITH A DIAMETER OF 400M

ITS BODY CONTINUES TO EXPAND WITHOUT ANY DISRUPTION

THE REACTION OF THE USA WHO HAVE NEVER FORGIVEN TAKEN POSSESSION OF HIG IMADON. REGARDING THIS UNFORESEEN DEVELOPMENT IS WELL ANTICIPATED

FEBRUARY 21TH
US DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (THE PENTAGON)

WE ARE FORCED TO GIVE UP ON THE IDEA OF TRANSPORTING IT TO HAWAII. LET ALONE LOS ANGELES!

I THINK IT COULD NOT BE ANY MORE OF A PRIORITY TO END THIS IMMEDIATELY.

AUTHORIZE US TO AT LEAST USE THE CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS TO STOP ITS GROWTH!!!

ACCORDINGLY, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD WE TAKE THE EASY WAY AND MAKE A DECISION THAT WOULD SULLY OUR PRESTIGE AND OUR PRIDE

IN ADDITION, THE USA HAS DECLARED THAT THIS CREATURE WOULD BE A SUBJECT TO RESEARCH THAT WOULD BE A FIRST IN HUMAN HISTORY.

MATERIAL LOSSES A CARGO SHIP. HUMAN LOSSES NONE BELLIGERENT INTENTIONS DISPLAYED: NONE DAMAGES CONNECTED TO HAZARDOUS OR OTHER MATERIALS AND SUFFERED BY THE SURROUNDINGS: NONE

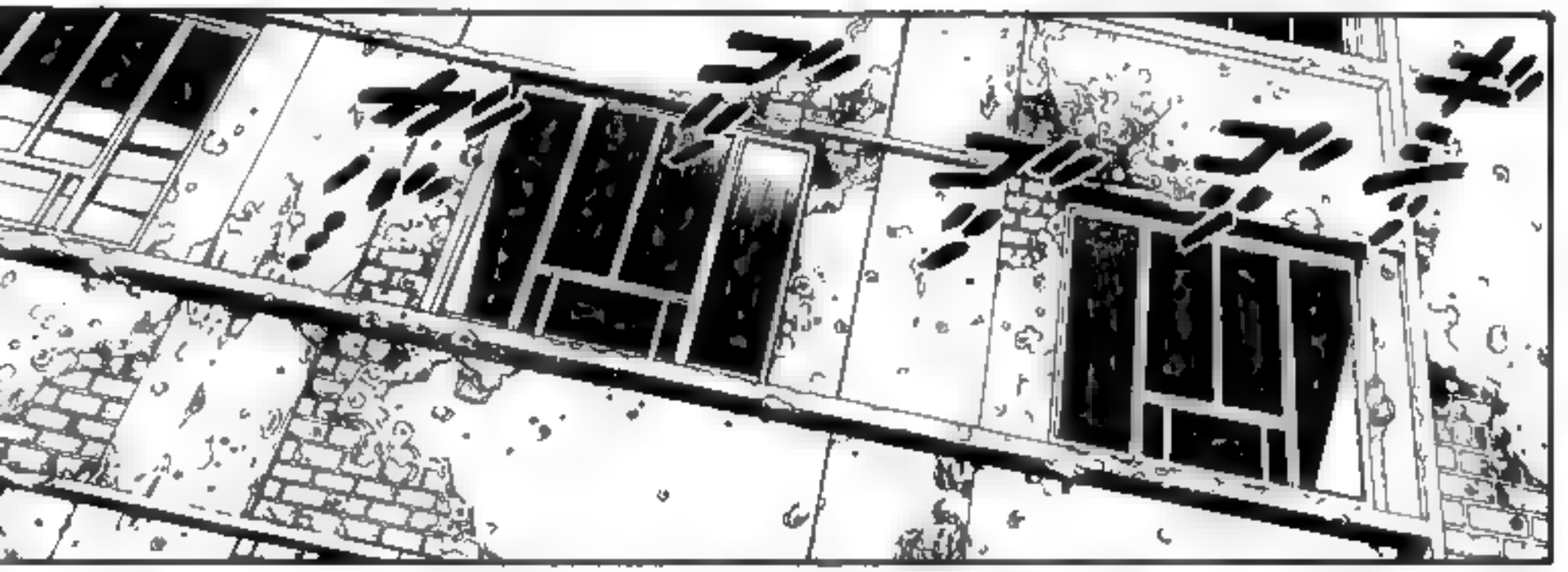
UNDERSTAND WELL THAT THE "DANGER TO HUMANITY" WHICH WILL JUSTIFY THE ATTACK IS THE ONE THAT WILL ADVANCE THE AMERICAN INTERESTS, AND NOTHING ELSE

YES STILL, OUR MISSION ISN'T DISINTERESTED

DOES IT MEAN THAT WE WAIT UNTIL THE EXISTENCE OF HUGUMADON IS CONSIDERED A DANGER TO HUMANITY?

FEBRUARY 27TH
MIDDLE EAST COUNTRY

A SUICIDE ATTACK CAN THE POLICE



OKAY !!!
BRING ME SOMEONE WHO KNOWS JAPANESE.
BROTHER "MON". LET ME
FIRST OF ALL
CONGRAT-ULATE YOU FOR YOUR ACHIEVE-MENTS. FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEA

NO. NOT A WORD.
HE SPEAKS OUR LANG-UAGE?

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HUH?

HUNGRY...
I AM...
HUNGRY.

GO

MARCH 1ST INFORMATION RELATED TO MON ARRIVES AT THE WHITE HOUSE. RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF A MEETING ON THE RESOLUTION OF THE "HIGUMADON" ISSUE

DELTA FORCE !!

GO

GO

"MON" IS IN CONTACT WITH A GUERILLA FROM THE MIDDLE EAST!!!

IMMEDIATELY ISRAEL JUDGING THAT COOPERATION BETWEEN MON AND THIS GUERILLA WAS A VERY SERIOUS THREAT PROCEEDED TO BOMBARD ON THE SAME DAY THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ORGANIZATION

RIGHT AWAY, POLICEMEN FROM THE USA AND FROM EUROPEAN COUNTRIES MEMBERS OF INTERPOL DISPATCHED ONSITE SPECIAL TROOPS READY TO INTERVENE.

TARGET LOST "MON" HAS PROBABLY ALREADY LEFT THE PLACE

STAY IN PLACE UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS

MARCH 2ND

AMERICA HAD MISSED ITS CHANCE.

NAP-
ALM!!!

NAP-
ALM!!!

DIAMETER
5000M!!!
HIGUMADON
HAS BECOME
AN ISLAND!!!
ITS GROWTH
MUST BE
STOPPED!!!

THEY COULDN'T EVEN SLOW
ITS GROWTH

IT WAS FUTILE TO HOPE TO ANNIHILATE
HIGUMADON WITH CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS.

THE NUMBER OF OPTIONS SUITABLE
TO ADDRESS THE "HIGUMADON"
ISSUE WERE DWINDLING.

MARCH 4TH TURKEY ISTANBUL

WHILE THE ATTACKS ON HIGUMADON BY THE AMERICAN FORCES FROM TWO DAYS AGO REMAIN NEFFECTIVE. AND WHILE THE GROWTH OF THE CREATURE CONTINUES.

SOME PEOPLE ARE BEGINNING TO WHISPER THAT THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPON COULD BE AN EFFECTIVE SOLUTION.

MOVING NOW TO THE NEWS REGARDING ANOTHER MENACE MON.

BBA NEWS

IT SHOWS THEIR LEADER, DORAMI RISING AGAINST THE AIR ATTACK BY ISRAEL WHICH HE DESCRIBES AS UNACCEPTABLE...

THE MIDDLE EASTERN EXTREMIST ORGANIZATION "THE HOLY WAR OF OJAMADO" SENT US HERE, TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF BBA, A VIDEO RECORDING.

LONDON

...THEN HE CONFIRMS THAT HIS ORGANIZATION AND "MON" HAVE COME IN CONTACT

"EVERTHING IS CONNECTED." "DON'T RESIST" "ACCEPT"

WHEN MON ENTERED THE ROOM WHERE I WAS AND WE GREETED EACH OTHER, I WAS ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF HIS WORDS.

No Resist! Accept! All is connected.

.. IT'S A WORLD FULL OF HAPPINESS.

THAT'S WHAT MON GAVE ME A GLIMPSE OF.

ALL THE THINGS THAT WE NEED TO ACCOMPLISH ARE CONNECTED TO A UTOPIA.

GREECE
THE ISLAND OF MYRONOS

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NO NUKE!!!

NO MORE HIROSH

NO NUKE!!

NO NUKE!!

NO NUKE!!!

NO NUKE!!

NO NUKE!!!

NO NUKE!!!

Of the people
By the people
For the people

YAWN
...

NO NUKE !!!

NO NUKE !!!

WASHINGTON DC WHITE HOUSE

WHY DOES IT GROW IN SUCH WAY?

BEFORE YOU QUESTION THE EFFECTIVENESS OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, IT'S NECESSARY TO INSTEAD UNDERSTAND HOW SUCH A CREATURE CAN EXIST

THAT WOULD MEAN THIS FORM OF EXISTENCE WAS CREATED FROM NOTHING

IF IT WERE PROVEN T DOESN'T FEED..

AND THAT IMPLIES THAT NEWTON, AS WELL AS EINSTEIN, WERE IN THE WRONG.

ON THE OTHER HAND THIS IS THE END OF THE FAITH IN SCIENCE.

DOGWOOD HAYES PRESIDENT OF THE USA

AND IF WE THINK ABOUT THE POTENTIAL DAMAGES THAT THE USE OF A NUCLEAR WEAPON COULD CAUSE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, YOU WILL UNDERSTAND ALL THE BETTER THAT I CANNOT APPROVE A PREMATURE DECISION

..AND TO SPEAK BLUNTLY, THE SOLE EXISTENCE OF HGUMADON REPRESENTS A THREAT I REMIND YOU THAT WE HAVE NO VICTIM TO MOURN

TO TELL THE TRUTH

THAT IT CAN ONLY HOPE HGUMADON'S GROWTH STOPS BY ITSELF

MR PRESIDENT! EVERY SECOND IS PRECIOUS!!! AUTHORIZE THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPON!!!

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WHAT DOES THE ARMY SAY?

THREATEN IT ALL YOU WANT WITH NUKING, THAT WON'T STOP THE GROWTH!!!

THE NUCLEAR WEAPON CAN HAVE NO OTHER PURPOSE BUT DETERRENCE

MON SAID THESE WORDS TO TOSH, YOU KNOW

USE IT POWER .. IS ABSOLUTE "

"ALL LIVING THINGS HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO LET LIVE OR TO KILL.

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GOD KNOWS.

WAIT A LITTLE LONGER.

MR PRESI-DENT

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..HAVE MADE A CONTACT WITH MON

AND AFTER "THE HOLY WAR OF O.AMADO", A SMALL FAR LEFT POLITICAL GROUP FROM GREECE. "RED ATHENS"..

HIGUMADON

Newsl

H-bomb

The Boston Tra

Higumadon

Which of U.S.S.R. weapons is the choice of the Administration?

REGARDING HIGUMADON'S GROWTH

...PRESIDENT HAYES DECLARED THAT AT THIS STAGE, HE WOULDN'T DARE USE NUCLEAR WEAPON.

MADRID

WHAT DO WE CARE! THAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PACIFIC...

BUT THIS DECISION OF THE USA LIGHTS THE PATH FOR MANKIND'S FUTURE.

IS IT A TEST FROM THE LORD? WE DON'T KNOW YET.

IS HIGUMADON THE INCARNATION OF THE DEVIL?

VATICAN CITY STATE

S

WANTON SHOOTING IN THE CENTER OF ROME. 29 DEAD AND WOUNDED. AMONGST WHICH THERE ARE TOURISTS AND PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS WHO WHO, WERE CONDUCTING AN UNDERCOVER INVESTIGATION ON THE MAFIA

ROME

THE ITALIAN MAFIA IS BEHIND THIS CASE MORE PRECISELY THE LARGEST AND MOST POWERFUL CRIME SYNDICATE IN THE WORLD. "CAMPIONE"..

.WHICH FOUGHT WITH OTHERS ABOUT THE PRIVILEGE OF HAVING WITHIN ITS RANKS THE MOST FEROCIOUS YOUNG TALENT IN THE WORLD. MON

IMAGES PROVIDED BY REUDERS.

WE MANAGED TO INTERVIEW THE LEADER OF ATHENS RED. BEATHIKOS.

"MON HAS BEEN SEEN ON THE SCENE OF THE SHOOTINGS BEFORE BEING TAKEN AWAY BY THE CRIMINALS." WITHIN AN HOUR, THIS INFORMATION HAD BEEN AROUND THE WORLD.

HIGUMA-DON'S GROWTH...

BEEP

"IMAGINE WHAT HAPPINESS IS AND YOU WILL SEE THE FUTURE."

HIS EYES, AS CRYSTAL AS THOSE OF AN ANGEL, SPOKE TO MY HEART.

BUT ..

.FIRST, I WANT TO KNOW IF IT'S YOUR IDEALS, OR YOUR RELIGION, THAT DICTATES YOUR CRIMES. TELL ME WHAT IS YOUR GOAL. WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO COMMUNICATE TO THE WORLD?

FABIO CHIESA GODFATHER OF THE "CAMPIONE"

JOIN OUR FAMILY AND YOU WILL HOLD A POSITION WORTHY OF YOU.

IMAG NE.

CURRENTLY, TS DIAMETER HAS REACHED 1000KM WITH A HEIGHT OF 25KM.

"WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO COMMUNICATE TO THE WORLD?"

DOESN'T SEEM TO BE STOPPING.

THE EVACUATION OF ALL THE INHABITANTS OF THE HAWAIIAN ARCHIPELAGO HAS BEGUN

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B

IN ANOTHER TEN DAYS

IT'S DIAMETER IS CURRENTLY 1400KM AND IT'S HEIGHT IS 3KM

BASED ON THE AVERAGE GROWTH RATE OF HIS MASS IT'S ESTIMATED THAT THE WHOLE HAWAIIAN ARCHIPELAGO WILL BE SWALLOWED

IT BEGAN WHEN THESE IMAGES WERE BROADCAST FROM THE BEACHES OF WAIKIKI IN HONOLULU

THE COUNTRIES OF THE PACIFIC RIM, THAT GOES WITHOUT SAYING...

PLEASE BE QUIET!

DON'T PUSH!

DON'T PUSH!

BUT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE GLOBE...

THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WERE ALSO SILENT. "...IT MUST BE USED"

IN PLACES OF WORSHIP ALL AROUND THE WORLD, PEOPLE PRAYED GOD FOR A HAPPY ENDING WHILE HOLDING BACK THESE WORDS: "NUCLEAR WEAPON"

"NOW'S THE TIME TO USE IT!! NUCLEAR WEAPON"

IN THE WORLD TODAY, THERE ARE 26000 NUCLEAR BOMBS, WHICH CORRESPONDS TO A POWER OF 50000 MEGATONNES. YOU NOW BETTER UNDERSTAND THE UNIMAGINABLE SIZE OF HIGUMADON

THE H-BOMBS, AT BIKINI, GIVE A TOTAL POWER OF 15 MEGA-TONNES

TO WIPE IT OUT COMPLETELY, THE POWER OF A MILLION MEGATONNES IS NECESSARY, THAT BEING 70000 NUCLEAR BOMBS.

BY THE TIME THE EVACUATION OF THE WHOLE HAWAIIAN ARCHIPELAGO IS COMPLETE, HIGUMADON WILL HAVE A DIAMETER OF 2000KM AND A HEIGHT OF 50KM AND AN ASSUMED WEIGHT OF TEN MILLION BILLION TONNES.

IT'S ASSUMED THAT TO DESTROY A CREATURE WEIGHING ONE TONNE, TEN GRAMS OF EXPLOSIVE ARE NEEDED

UN REQUESTS A MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL!!!

REFUSED! THAT'S AN INTERFERENCE WITH OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS!!!

THE COUNTRIES OWNERS OF NUCLEAR WEAPON HAVE TURNED TO UN FOR THE CREATION OF A FORUM FOR DISCUSSION, ARGUING THAT THE PROBLEM NO LONGER CONCERNED JUST THE USA

THAT DONE, THEY STRIPPED THE NUCLEAR WEAPON OF ITS DETERRENCE STATUS

FOR NOT TAKING ON TIME THE REQUIRED MEASURES

IN EACH COUNTRY, THE RESPECTIVE LEADERS BLAME THE USA.

Chicken

WE... IF THEY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN VIETNAM IT WAS TO BE ABLE TO MAKE PLATOON AND APOCALYPS NOW, RIGHT?

HIS POLITICAL SUPPORT RATE WENT OVER 90%. IN THE END THE USA SHOULD GO TO WAR IF THEY WANT BUT AT HOME!

THE REASONS BEHIND THE GULF WAR WERE FABRICATED FROM THE GROUND UP NOTE THAT AFTER BUSH LAUNCHED ALL THE MISSILES

EVEN IF WE CAN'T DESTROY IT, WE SHOULD AT LEAST PUT AN END TO ITS GROWTH! AUTHORIZE THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPON!!!

MR PRESI-DENT!

USE NUKE

H-Bomb PLEASE!!

Kill

Stop! the HIGU

USE NUKE

IT'S NOT ONLY ABROAD BUT ALSO IN OUR COUNTRY THAT THE PEOPLE, CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE NUCLEAR ATTACK, ARE BECOMING A MAJORITY.

MR PRESI-DENT!

THE EFFECTS WOULD BE LESSER THAN THOSE OF THE NUCLEAR ACCIDENT AT CHERNOBYL.

AS A TEST, LAUNCH 5 H-BOMBS AT HIGUMADON'S CENTRAL PART THE EXPLOSIVES WILL TAKE PLACE OUT OF THE ATMOS-PHERE

AND THE FALLOUT WITH N OUR BORDERS ?

"ALL LIVING THINGS HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO LET LIVE OR TO KILL...

USE IT. POWER... IS ABSOLUTE."

THIS MEANS MY DECIS ON IS SUPPORTED BY GOD ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS?

IF IT'S HUMANITY'S HOPE, IF IT'S USA'S HOPE, THEN THE NUCLEAR WEAPON IS JUSTICE.

FUTURE

FERTILE DEATH.

MIRACLE OF LIFE.

FEEL-INGS.

RAIN-BOW.

FLOWER.

SKY.

SEA.

"FUT-
URE"

GERMANY BLACK FOREST

SCHÖN
(BEAUTI-
FUL)

TO WIN,
POWER!!!

AGAINST THIS
FORM OF LIFE
WHICH IS A
THREAT BY
SIMPLY
EXISTING,
POWER!!!

TO ERADICATE FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH THAT HISTORICALLY UNPRECE-DENTED THREAT...

...
THE USA... NO! WE, HUMANS..

THERE IS A FUTURE ...

...OPT TODAY FOR OUR LAST RESORT!!!

...THANKS TO THE POWER THAT HAS LED THE WAY AND STILL LEADS IT TODAY. THERE IS A FUTURE BEYOND THE VICTORY!!!

YOU GUESSED RIGHT... IT'S THE H-BOMB.

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APRIL 21ST

THERE WAS NO ONE TO LET OUT THE SLIGHTEST LAUGH

WHEN A REPORTER BEGAN HIS REPORT BY ANNOUNCING WITH A CHOKED VOICE. "THE LIGHT HAS DISAPPEARED"

IN ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THE FAR EAST INCLUDING RUSSIA AND JAPAN, AND IN ALL COUNTRIES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA OF OCEANIA, STARTING WITH AUSTRALIA OF CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA.

...EVERYONE PROTECTED THEMSELVES AGAINST THE EFFECTS OF THE NUCLEAR ATTACK WHICH WOULD BE LAUNCHED ON HIGUMADON.

AGAINST HIGUMADON WHO, ACCORDING TO CALCULATIONS, WOULD REACH IN SIX MONTHS THE SIZE OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN

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SIMILARLY, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE EARTH, FARTHEST FROM THE ATTACK, THE COUNTRIES OF THE MIDDLE EAST, OF AFRICA AND OF EUROPE, REMAINED SILENT

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THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS, NEEDED BY HUMANITY

NETHERLANDS HARLEM

ARE CURRENTLY READY TO BE LAUNCHED TO REGAIN THE LOST LIGHT, TOGETHER WITH HOPE AND OUR FUTURE.

THE EARTH ...

MON!!!

THE EARTH... DISAP-PEARS!?

WHITE HOUSE

IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND

IN A PLACE LOCATED BEYOND THE STRATOSPHERE WE ARE GOING TO START A NEW CHAPTER OF DESTRUCTION AND OF REBIRTH...

HIS IMAGE HAS NOW REACHED A DIAMETER OF 2,000KM AND A HEIGHT OF 50KM

20:54

WASHINGTON D.C.

WHOM SHOULD WE, THE HUMAN RACE ADDRESS OUR PRAYERS TO?

GOD?

OR THE NUCLEAR WEAPON?

GOD'S?

OR THAT OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPON P

WHICH POWER SHOULD WE PLACE OUR FAITH IN?

BUT WHAT SHOULD WE ACCEPT? GOD? THE NUCLEAR WEAPONRY? OR HIGUMADON?

THOSE ARE THE WORDS OF MON

"DON'T RES ST ACCEPT EVERYTH NG IS CONNECTED "

MAYBE BUT WHAT IF THE H-BOMB HAS NO EFFECT ON HIGUMADON?

NOW IS NOT THE TIME FOR SUCH CONSIDERA-TIONS!!!

NEVERTHELESS. IT MUST BE KEPT IN MIND THAT THE WORDS OF MON MEET INCREASING ECHO BEYOND IDEOLOGIES AND RELIGIOUS DOGMA

LEAVE YOUR EMOTIONS ASIDE YOU SHOULD HAVE NO HESITATION

GO HURRY

MR PRES-IDENT

WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO BE CONCERNED BLUEPEACE ANIMAL PROTEC-TION ORGANIZA-TIONS AND GO ON ARE ALL SILENT

YOU ARE STILL GOING TO IGNORE THE WORDS OF MON WHILE THE VERY PEOPLE

THE WORDS OF MON MAY AS WELL BE CONSIDERED AS A CONDEMNATION AIMED AT THE USA IN WHICH CASE THEY COULD BECOME THE SLOGAN OF ANTI-AMERICAN FORCES.

THE DEFEAT OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPON WOULD BE THE DEFEAT OF THE USA

BEE BEEP

BEE BEEP

FINGERPRINT ID CONFIRMED

RETINAL SCAN

BEE BEEP

IDENTITY CONFIRMED

THE MEANING OF THIS QUESTION MAY ESCAPE YOU, BUT ANSWER ME WHO AM I?

STOP THINKING ABOUT THE FUTURE

CLICK

CLICK

CLICK

COMMAND ORDERS

THE PRESI-DENT

LAUNCH ORDERS

SEND

NORAD (NORTH AMERICAN AEROSPACE DEFENSE COMMAND)

NORAD

GENTLEMEN... THE TIME HAS COME. LET'S PRAY!!!

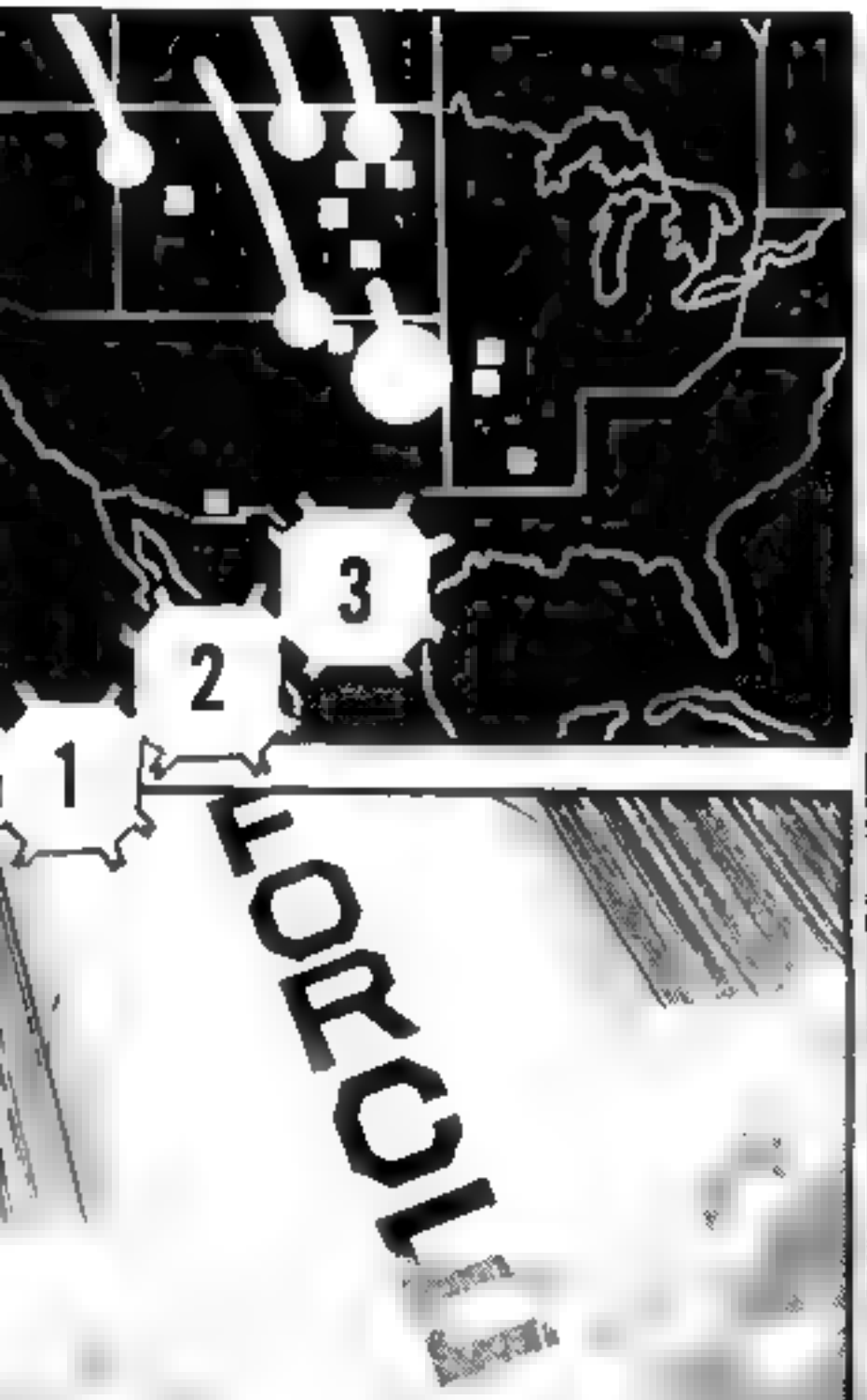
CONFIRMATION OF THE LAUNCH SITES!!!

ENTERING DATA OF THE ATTACK!!!

TARGET, THE CENTER OF HIGUMADON!!!

START THE COUNTDOWN AT EVERY SITE!!!

MR CON-GRESS-MAN!!! WE BROUGHT YOUR SON!!!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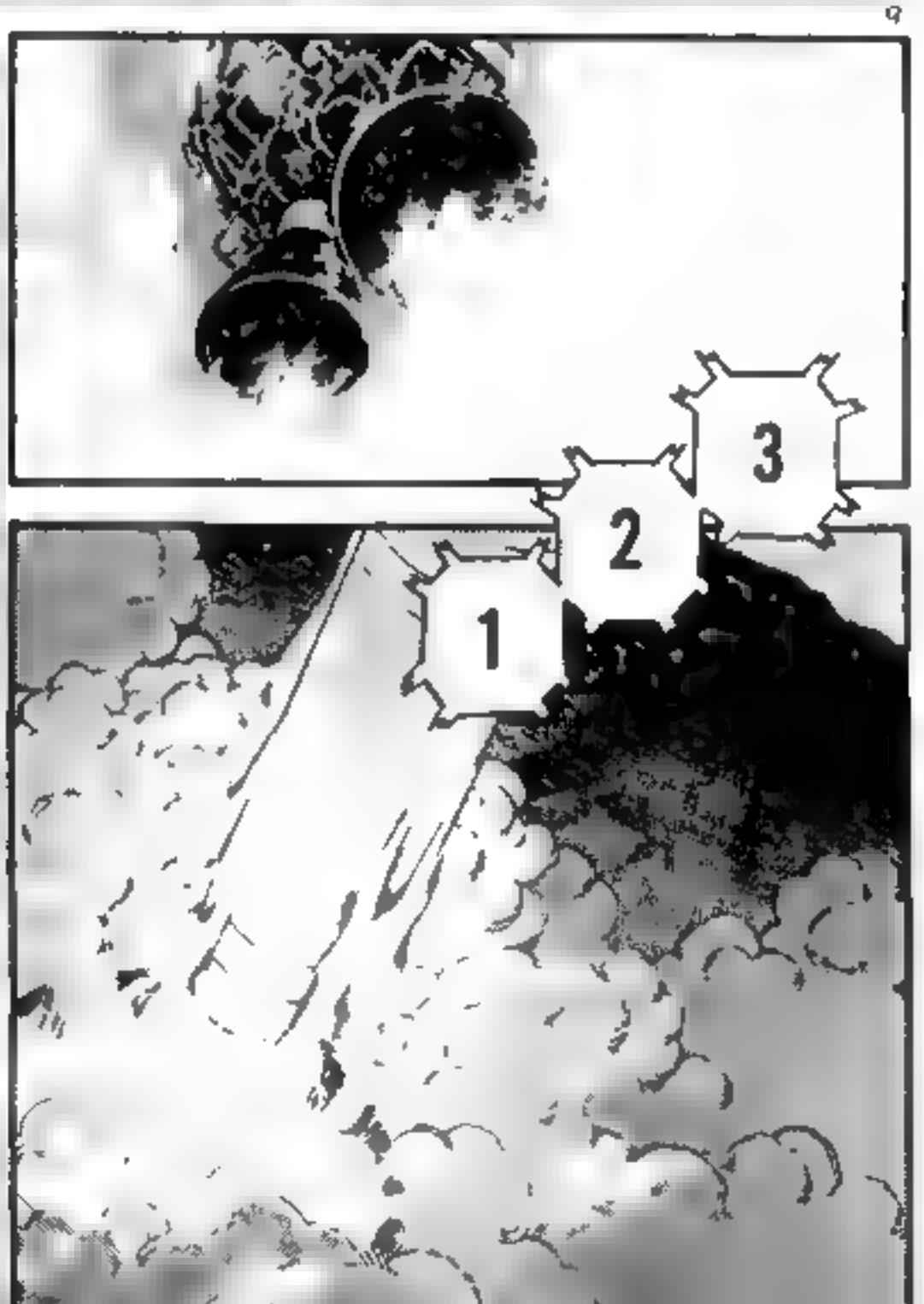
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IN ABOUT 60 MINUTES.

WIL BE REAC HING HIGUMA-DON

THE FIVE MISSILES THAT WERE JUST LAUNCHED

STUDENT STUDENT*

I LIVED TOGETHER. I WAS DATING A JAPANESE MAN DO I SPEAK WELL?

YOU KNOW, I KNOW FUNA-BASHI THAT'S THE CHIBA PREFECTURE

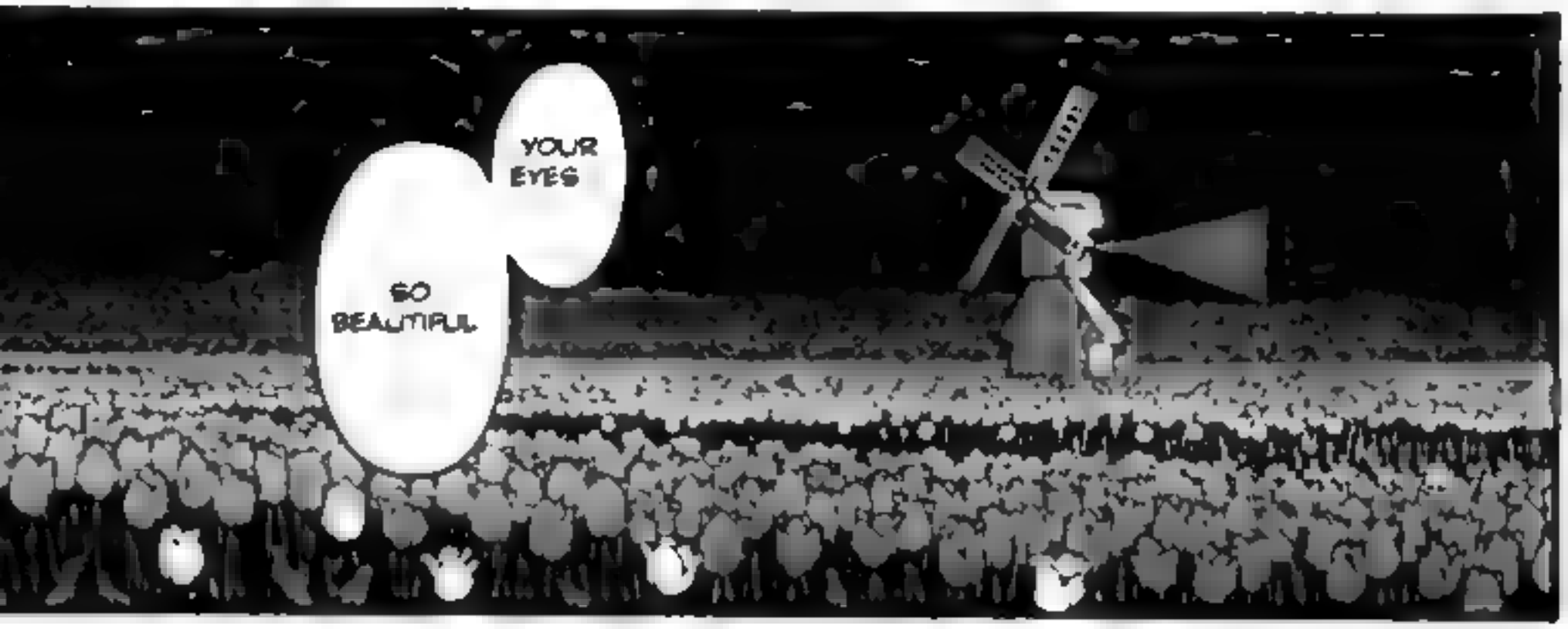
*IN ENGLISH

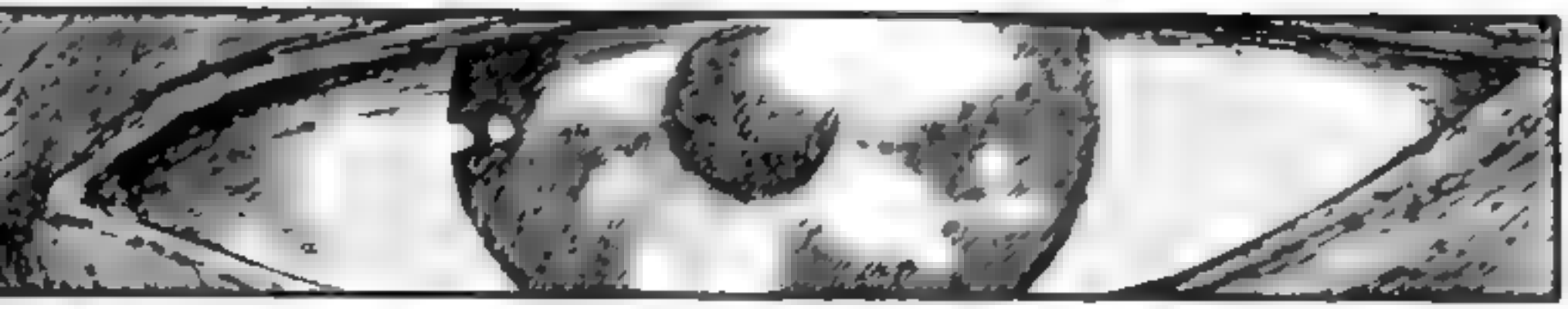
HMM

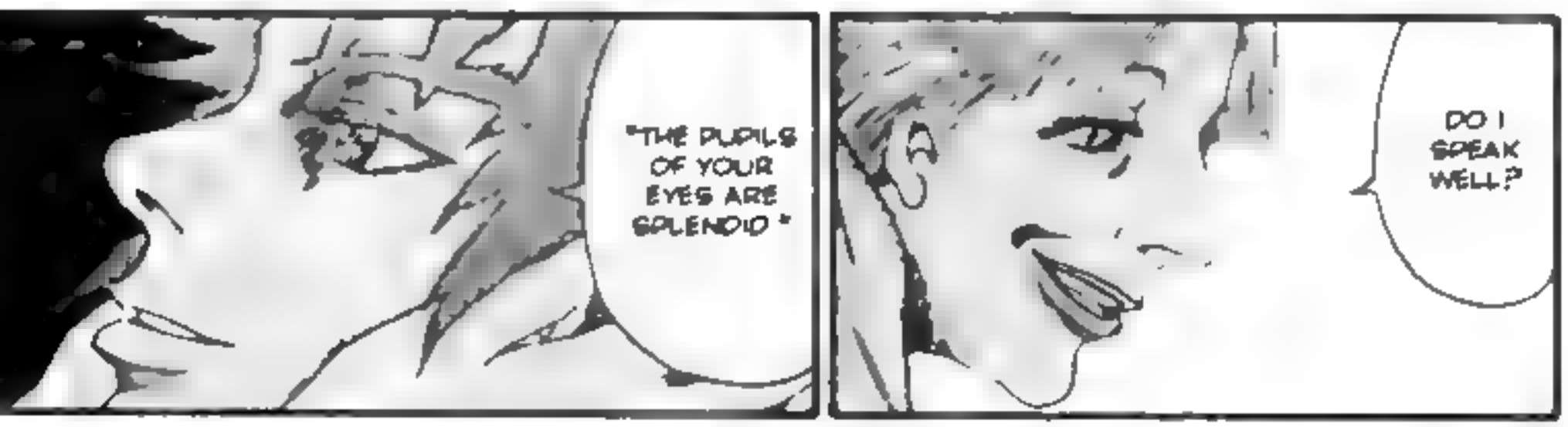
MY BOSS HAS GIVEN ME PLENTY OF MONEY

YOU KNOW

DO YOU WANT TO DO IT AGAIN?


YOUR EYES
SO BEAUTIFUL




"THE PUPILS OF YOUR EYES ARE SPLENDID"
DO I SPEAK WELL?

PUP SPLENDID ?
PUPILS? WHAT'S THAT?

...10 MINUTES

TIME REMAINING UNTIL THE ESTIMATED TIME OF THE IMPACT.

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RAIN-BOW

BEAU-TIFUL.

BEAU-TIFUL.

BEAU-TIFUL.

FLOWER

SEA.

SKY.

BEAU-TIFUL.

FERTILE DEATH.

.....?

WHAT ?

MIRACLE OF LIFE.

FEEL. NGS? WHAT'S THAT?

FEEL- NGS.

FUTURE

AM AFRAID A LITTLE BIT

WHAT WILL HAPPEN ?

THREE M NUTES.

THE EARTH?

H GLMA- DON?

BEAUTIFUL.

DON'T RESIST. ACCEPT.
EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED.

THREE MONTHS LATER
SUMMER

14 23 I ARRIVE AT THE NAM KAWA TRA N STATION, IN THE CHIBA PREFECTURE I WILL NOW

HOO OOO

HOO OOO

. RECOUNT THE LIFE OF MON, THE MOST CHARIS- MATIC OF ALL BE NGS ON TH S PLANET

HO OO O

HO OO

A CHANGE OCCURED IN PEOPLE'S MIND

AND AFTER MON'S CHARISMA BECAME GLOBAL

AFTER THE NUCLEAR ATTACK STOPPED HIGUMADON'S GROWTH

DESPITE THIS. AND WITHOUT KNOWING WHY THE ATMOSPHERE OF THIS FESTIVAL AWAKES N ME SOMETHING LIKE A NOSTALGIA

I GREW UP IN THE CITY THUS I HAVE NO EXPERIENCE OR MEMORY OF TOWN FESTIVALS OF THIS SORT

AUGUST 1ST -CHIBA PREFECTURE

THERE IS NO PLACE FOR THE FUTURE IN THERE

I AM ALREADY CERTAIN OF ONE THING

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NO FUTURE

SOME THREE MONTHS AGO, IT WAS THE 22ND OF APRIL IN JAPAN, THE USA LAUNCHED 5 H-BOMBS TO THE PART OF HIGUMA-DON ABOVE THE PACFIC OCEAN AND IN OUTER SPACE

THESE FIVE BOMBS WERE ENOUGH TO STOP THE GROWTH OF THE CREATURE, WHOSE ORGANISM HASN'T GIVEN ANY SIGN OF ACTIVITY S·NCE THEN

THE AMER·CAN GOVERNMENT DECLARED THAT RADIOACTIVITY WASN'T THE CAUSE FOR THESE TWO OUTCOMES, BUT EVEN NOW THE TRUTH OF TH S CLAIM REMA·NS TO BE PROVEN

ON THE IMAGES TRANSMITTED BY SATELITE, PHOTOS, AND SUCH, KE, IT'S EASY TO SEE THAT THE CENTRAL PART OF HIGUMADON HAS TRACES OF BURNS S·M LAR TO SMA..POX SCARS.

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MANKIND, HAVING LOST ALL RESTRAINT, CALLED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW WEAPON, WHICH WILL HELP TO DEAL WITH FUTURE THREATS. THE WORLD ENTERED A NEW ERA, MARKED BY THE PROSPERITY OF THE M·LITARY INDUSTRY

THE PEOPLE OF THE CONCERNED ZONE, WHO LEFT THE SHELTERS ABOUT A MONTH AFTER THE RADIOACTIVE CONTAM-INATION, GOT DRUNK ON TH·S NEWFOUND FREEDOM, AND AT THE SAME TIME BEGAN TO IDOLIZE THE NUCLEAR WEAPONRY

ON THEIR PART

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EVERYWHERE, PEOPLE WERE ORGANIZ·NG GATHER NGS TO CELEBRATE THE SUCCESS OF THE NUCLEAR ATTACK.

ON THIS MATTER, TWO NEW V·EWS BEGAN TO COEXIST· THOSE OF THE "GOOD NUCLEAR WEAPON" AND OF THE "NOT SO GOOD NUCLEAR WEAPON".

AND IN HOLLYWOOD WAS ANNOUNCED A PROJECT ABOUT THREE BIG MOVIES ABOUT NUKEMAN, THE RADIOACTIVE HERO OF JUSTICE.

THE MER-CHANDISE AND THE BOOKS STAMPED WITH "H GUMADON" SOLD LIKE HOT CAKES

IT'S THE POWER AND MONEY WHO WRITE HISTORY WE ALWAYS BUY WITH OUR OWN MONEY THE FUTURE THAT WE CHOOSE

"HIGUMA-DON'S GROWTH IS THERE!!!"

JAPAN, WHERE THE ORIG NAL HIGUMADON APPEARED FOR THE FIRST TIME, DIDN'T HAVE ANY REST.

EIGHT DAYS OF TRAVEL FROM ULURU TO THE SKY ABOVE HIGUMADON

IN THE OCEANIA, THE TOUR GROUPS DEDICATED TO THE OBSERVATION OF HIGUMADON MET WITH GREAT SUCCESS.

THE TH NG THAT THE WORLD S.MPLY WISHED FOR IS THE PLEASURE IT DERIVES FROM THIS FEVER, AND A FUTURE THAT WILL MAKE IT ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF THE ECONOMY

THE WORLD REFUSED TO THINK OF THE SCOPE OF WHAT WAS LOST, AND TO MOURN THE DEAD, IT LET ITSELF GET DEVOURED BY ITS PASSION FOR ONE UNKNOWN CREATURE

ODATE, IN THE AKITA PREFECTURE, WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS "THE BIRTHPLACE OF HACKIKO, THE FAITHFUL DOG", CHANGED TO IMAGE TO BECOME "THE CITY DEVASTATED BY HIGUMADON."

WITH THE ARRIVAL OF TOURISTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD, THE MUNICIPALITY LAUNCHED A COMPREHEN-SIVE PROGRAM TO REVITALIZE THE CITY

NOBODY QUES-TIONS THEMSELF OR L STENS TO THE ONES WHO DO. IN EVERY AGE, MANKIND HAS LIVED SECLUDED

NEEDLESS TO SAY, TH S ISN'T ANYTH NG NEW

THOSE WHO INTOXICATED THEMSELVES WITH THE WORDS OF MON ARE THOSE WHO WERE DISGUSTED BY THE WORLD'S REACTION TO HIGUMADON AND WHO OPPRESSED THE SPIRIT OF THE TIMES

THE WORLD LISTENED TO THE WORDS OF A BEING WHICH HAD KILLED INCALCULABLE NUMBER OF PEOPLE, A TERRORIST LIKE NO ONE BEFORE.

IN THIS SENSE, MON IS PROBABLY THE SHEER PRODUCT OF HIS TIME.

TWO MONTHS AGO, THESE IMAGES WERE RASHLY BROADCAST IN NEWS PROGRAMMES ALL AROUND THE WORLD

THE 10-MINUTE FILM DIRECTED BY GERMAN FILM STUDENT JURG LORENZ, WHO HAD MET MON IN A DARK FOREST BY ACCIDENT, MADE A STRONG IMPRESSION.

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"MIRACLE OF LIFE" ONE COULDN'T SENSE MALICE BEH ND THIS WORD

"FERTILE DEATH" THIS EXPRESSION AND HIS VOICE EVOKED HAPPINESS.

AND THEN, "FUTURE"

"FEELINGS" HE SM LED.

"FLOWER", "RAINBOW" MON IS SEEN MUTTER NG EACH OF THESE WORDS IN ONE M NUTE ‹NTERVALS AS ‹F HE SAW THEM IN ‹MAGES FROM H S MEMORY

I REPEAT MYSELF, BUT FOR THREE DAYS THIS FILM WAS RASHLY BROADCASTED AND C RCULATED

ON THE FOURTH DAY, THE GOVERNMENT OF EVERY COUNTRY WHERE IT WAS TELE- VISED, DEMANDED THE MEDIA TO STOP BROADCASTING IT, TAKING VERY SER - OUSLY THE IMPACT THAT THESE IMAGES COULD HAVE

J MOORE, LIVING ‹N NEW YORK AND CONSIDERED A LEADING FIGURE OF THE POP ART MOVEMENT, WAS FULL OF PRA.SE, UP TO DECLAR NG THAT NOTH NG HAD A GREATER NFLUENCE SINCE BEETHOVEN'S 9TH SYMPHONY

HOLLAND

THESE REMARKS WERE MADE IN THE MIDST OF THE NUCLEAR ATTACK, DURING WHICH EVERYONE "PRAYED TO THE NUCLEAR WEAPON".

MON WAS PLACED ON THE SAME LEVEL AS HIGUMADON, HYPED AS AN ENEMY OF MANKIND AND OF EARTH BY THE USA, WHO THEN SAID THAT BOTH WERE "BEAUTIFUL".

AFTER THE TESTIMONY OF A DUTCHWOMAN WHO HAD SPENT A NIGHT WITH MON, A NEW STAGE BEGAN

IT'S SAID THAT BOTH WERE BEAUTIFUL.

.THE MUSLIM WORLD HAS CONCLUDED THAT THE WORDS OF MON WERE THE ANTITHESIS OF THE AMERICAN IMPERIALISM, AND TODAY, TERRORIST ACTS COMMITED BY EXTREMIST ORGANIZATIONS HAVE INCREASED

THERE IS NO WAY TO KNOW IF MON IS ANTI-AMERICAN OR NOT, BUT IN A TIME WHERE THE HEGEMONY OF THE USA IS FELT MORE EACH DAY.

THIS GROUP CAME UP WITH A SOLUTION.

SOON, CYBERTERRORISTS SWARMED, AND INFORMATION, ACCORDING TO WHICH A GROUP OF FANS OF MON WAS BEING ORGANIZED, CIRCULATED THE WORLD.

"DON'T RESIST. ACCEPT. EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED."

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OVERLY BROAD INTERPRETATIONS, QUESTIONABLE EXEGESIS AND FRANTIC KEY RESEARCH HAVE INCREASED... THERE WAS A MYSTERY, AND IT HAD TO BE SOLVED

THE WORLD DANCED TO THESE WORDS OF MON.

No Resist!! Accept!!
All is Connected!!

DESTRUC-
TION AND
REBIRTH "

"IN THE
NAME OF
THE
FUTURE "

AS FOR THOSE WHO MON
MADE DANCE AND FOR
THOSE WHO DANCED
AROUND HIGUMADON OR
AROUND THE NUCLEAR
WEAPON, THERE WAS NO
FUTURE. THEY ALL HAVE
STOPPED THINKING

"I AFFIRM MYSELF",
"USE THIS AUTHORITY.
POWER IS ABSOLUTE "
IRONICALLY, THESE
WORDS THAT MON
ADDRESSED TO TOSHI
WERE ALWAYS WHAT
MADE THE WORLD GO
ROUND

IT'S FOR DEEPLY
PERSONAL REASONS
THAT I BEGIN THIS
STORY I DEDICATE IT
TO THE LATE TAKESHI
IIJIMA AND TO MY
RIGHT ARM.

WITH HIS PAST,
WHAT KIND OF
FUTURE COULD
MON WELL
IMAGINE?

NEXT SPRING,
MY NEWSPAPER,
MAICHO, WILL
PUBLISH A BOOK
ON TOSHI-MON
AND HIGUMA-
DON. ITS
WORKING TITLE
IS LEMON.

THAT IS TO SAY,
THE NAME GIVEN BY
TOSHIYA MISUMI TO
THE EXPLOSIVE FIRE
EXTINGUISHERS,
WHICH HE MADE
BEFORE HIS
ENCOUNTER WITH
MON. THAT PER-
FECTLY SYMBOLIZES
OUR ERA OF
STOPPING TO
THINK

THE "HAIRY", YEAH, THE "HAIRY", THAT'S IT! "HAIRY" WAS THE LAD WHO WE WERE THROWING THE STINGING STUFF AT!!!

...!!! YEAH! YEAH!

YEAH, ! REMEMBER! IT'S THE LADDIE WHO WAS COVERED WITH HAIR, FROM THE SHOULDERS TO THE BACK!

"THE HAIRY?"

YEAH, YEAH! AND WHEN I ASKED HER WHAT A SLAG IS, SHE GAVE ME ONE OF THOSE SOAPS!!!

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MY MOTHER SAID OF HER THAT SHE IS "A BAG LADY AND A SLAG"

DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE MOTHER OF THE "HA RY"?

HEY, YOU! YOU WORK AT THE TOWN HALL! WASN'T IT YOUR JOB TO DO THIS?

I EXERCISE MY RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT!!!

THIS CUNT, HE DIDN'T BLOODY SET FOOT IN KINDER-GARTEN OR IN PRIMARY SCHOOL.

THE LAD NEVER SAID ANYTHING INEXPRESSIVE ALL THE TIME. SO WE COULDN'T CARE LESS, SOME-TIMES!!!

.THAT DURING PREVIOLS INTER-VIEWS, I LEARNED THAT KINLE NUMATA WASN'T ON TH S WORLD ANYMORE. SHE HAD COMM TED A SUICE TOGETHER WITH HER LOVER

TWO WEEKS AGO, I WENT TO THE HOUSE WHERE SHE WAS BORN, IN THE NAGANO PREFECTURE.

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AH . LET ME POINT OUT.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER, I WENT TO THE REDACTION OF "NAMIKAWA DA LY" TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CASE

AUGUST 2ND I WENT TO THE TOWN HALL OF NAM KAWA TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON KINLE NUMATA, THE MOTHER OF "HAIRY".

I HAD TO MAKE HIM UNDERSTAND WHAT MY STORY WAS ABOUT AND TO THREATEN HIM A LITTLE FOR H M TO DECIDE TO OPEN HIS MOUTH.

KINUE'S MOTHER HAVING VERY POL TELY REFUSED MY REQUEST FOR AN INTERVIEW, I TRIED MY LUCK WITH HER YOUNGEST SON WHO LIVES WITH HER.

"THERE WAS NOTH NG GOOD ABOUT THAT CH LD, SO WE GAVE UP ON HER."

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HIS SISTER AND HER PARENTS, ANGRY TO HAVE LOST FACE IN FRONT OF THAT PARENT, HAVE DETERIORATED, AND SHE LEFT THE HOUSE. SHE THEN STARTED WORKING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, OFTEN MOVING FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER HACHIOJI, SUGAMO, KIN-SHICHO, AND FROM ONE MAN TO ANOTHER.

HER BROTHER SUPPOSES IT WAS THE CONTACT WITH A MAN THAT CHANGED KINUE, WHO WAS ALWAYS OF PLIABLE AND SUBMISSIVE NATURE

AFTER FINISH NG HIGH SCHOOL, KINUE BEGAN TO WORK IN AN ELECTRON C PARTS FACTORY THANKS TO THE HELP OF A PARENT BUT SHE BARELY WORKED FOR THREE MONTHS BEFORE SHE RESIGNED

"WOULD HAVE", AS THE BIRTH OF "HAIRY" WAS NEVER REPORTED TO THE REGISTER OFFICE

WHERE SHE WOULD HAVE BROUGHT "HA RY" N THIS WORLD

SHE REAPPEARED BEFORE HER PARENTS. WHOM SHE SA D THE FOLLOW'NG HUMILIAT-NG THING THAT HER BROTHER REPEATED FOR ME. "SEEING THE WAY THINGS ARE, W'LL BLACKMA L A COUPLE OF MEN AND THEY W'LL PAY."

PREGNANT

A REACTION AGA.NST HER PARENTS OR A DESIRE TO HURT HER LOVERS. THAT W'LL BE IGNORED THE FACT REMAINS THAT SHE ENDED UP LIVING ALONE N NAM KAWA

HEAR NG THE OPINION OF HER PARENTS. WHO ADVISED HER TO HAVE AN ABORTION AND TO MAKE A FRESH START, HAD PUT HER OFF

HE BELONGED TO A BRANCH OF THE XX FAMILY APPARENTLY, HE KILLED SOME BIGWIG FROM A RIVAL FAMILY IN THE WEST, AND THEN HE WANDERED, TRYING TO ESCAPE FROM THOSE AFTER HIM

I WAS TOLD THAT THE MAN WHO DIED WITH HER WAS ACTUALLY A YAKUZA

NAMIKAWA DAILY

REPRESENTATIVE DIRECTOR
MANAGER
HIROSHI KIKUMA

〒 [redacted]*
TEL [redacted]
FAX [redacted]

*CHIBA PREFECTURE, NAMIKAWA, HONMACHI

THEY WERE FOUND REDUCED TO A PULP DOWN THE CLIFF IN NAMIKAWA

DOUBLE SUICIDE

WHAT WE SAW, ON THE CONTRARY, IS THAT THE LAD WAS BEING RAISED IN CONDITIONS THAT I WOULDN'T WISH ANYBODY. FINALLY, IF YOU WANT, I CAN INTRODUCE YOU TO A COUPLE OF MEN WHO KINUE FREQUENTED AT THAT TIME

IT WAS ONLY AFTER THIS STORY THAT WE LEARNED OF THE EXISTENCE OF THIS LAD, "HAIRY". WE TRIED TO GO CHECK THEIR HOME, BUT THERE WAS NOT A SOUL, YOU SEE.

ACCORDING TO THESE MEN, KINUE NEVER GAVE A NAME TO "HAIRY". "THESE HAIRS COMING FROM HIS SHOULDERS DOWN TO THE BACK DISGUST ME", SHE COMPLAINED

SHE WAS THE QUEEN OF THE BLOWJOBS !!!

A REAL FOUNTAIN.

AS SOON AS "HAIRY" REACHED THREE YEARS, KINUE BEGAN TO OFTEN BE AWAY

AND WHEN HE BECAME FIVE. SHE HARDLY SPENT MORE THAN TWO DAYS A WEEK AT HER HOME

THE RARE MOMENTS WHERE SHE WAS HOME WITH HER SON, SHE SPENT HANGING ON THE PHONE OR STICKING TO THE TV SCREEN

SHE DIDN'T BEAT HIM, NOR DID SHE LOCK HIM UP REGARDING FOOD, SHE JUST GAVE HIM SOMETHING TO EAT FROM TIME TO TIME

THEY NEVER TALKED FOR HER, "HAIRY" DIDN'T EXIST AS TO WHAT HE THOUGHT OF HIS MOTHER, ONE CAN ONLY IMAGINE

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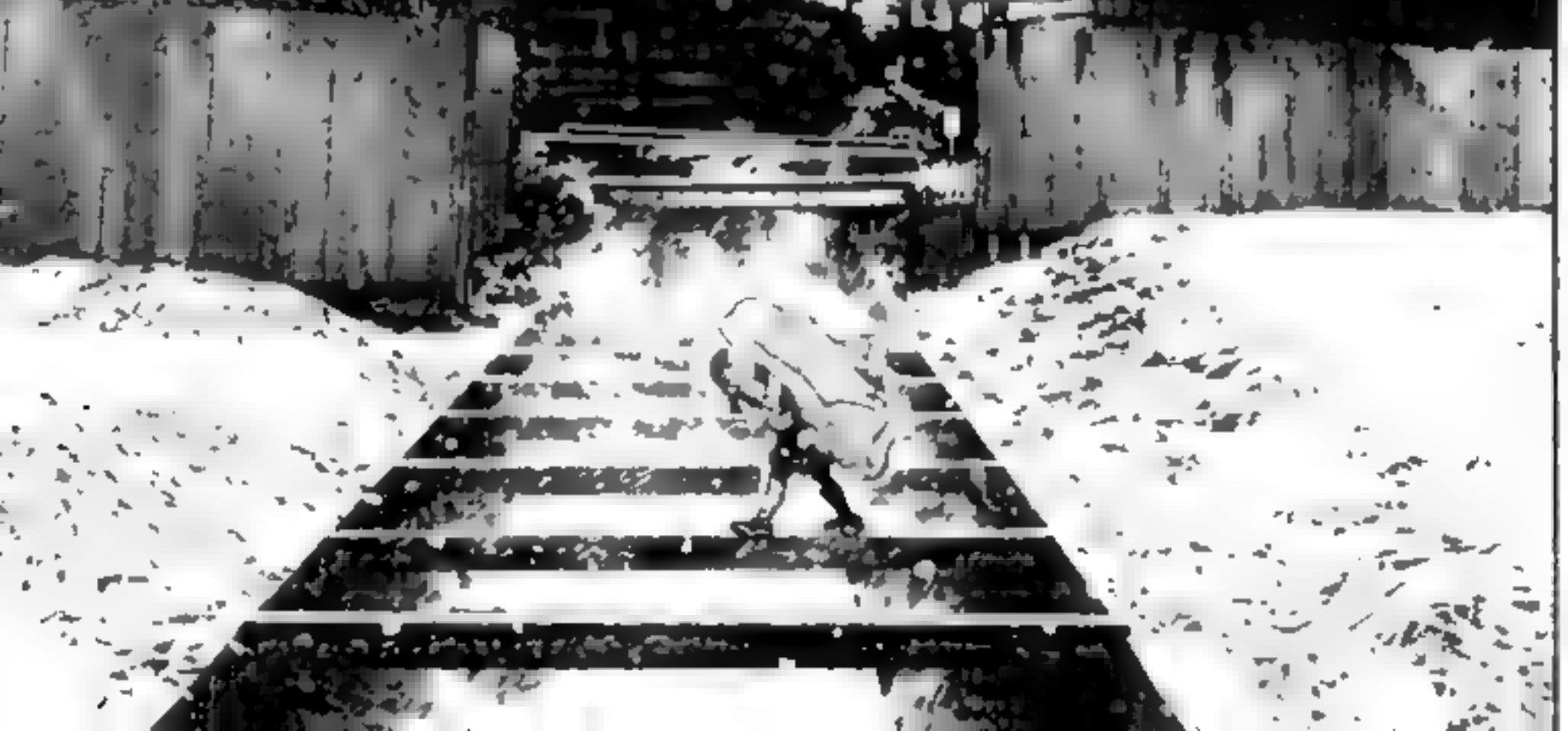

LATER WHEN THE ONE CALLED "HA RY" PRONOUNCED THESE WORDS, NO ONE TOOK HIM SERIOUSLY

EVERYTHING IS CON-NECTED *

ACCEPT

"DON'T RESIST

ENJOY YOUR MEAL.

AOMORI PREFECTURE
CITY OF AOMORI

IT'S ME..

AH! TAKAYUKI !!!

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MUM-MY'S BOY

I DON'T HAVE APPETITE MAKE ME HUNGRY, SETSUKO

MUM IS ALSO GOING TO KICK HIS ARSE!!!

HEY!!! DO YOU HEAR? YOUR DADDY IS A MUMMY'S BOY! GO GIVE HIM A KICK!

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IT'S ME!!! IT'S YOUR DADDY!!!

I BELIEVE IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT IF "MA RY" DISAPPEARED FROM NAM·KAWA, IT WAS BECAUSE OF HIS MOTHER'S SUICIDE

WHETHER IT WAS THE GOVERNMENT, HIS PARENTS, OR EVEN THE PEOPLE AT THE CORNER, NOBODY EVER RECOGN ZED HIS EXISTENCE.

BETWEEN SUMMER AND FALL, HE WANDERED, ALONE. NO IN FACT, IT'S POSSIBLE HE WAS WITH SOMEONE

HERE, I NEED TO TAKE A SMALL STEP BACK IN MY INVESTIGA-TION

TWO MONTHS AGO, MAICHO PUBLISHED THIS AD WITHIN ITS PAGES: "WE PAY FOR ANY INFORMATION REGARDING MON".

AND THAT'S HOW.

WE LEARNED ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF THE MOTHER OF "HAIRY"- THREE DAYS LATER, THE EDITORIAL BOARD RECEIVED CALL FROM A PERSON WHO SAID TO HAVE INFORMATION TO OFFER.

HE INSISTED THAT I PAY HIM IN ADVANCE, BUT I MANAGED TO MAKE HIM UNDERSTAND THAT THE COMPENSATION DEPENDS ON THE NATURE OF THE INFORMATION FINALLY, AFTER POCKETING 20000 YENS

IT WAS KENGO SUZUKI, 39 YEARS OLD, DOOR-TO-DOOR SELLER OF NEWSPAPER SUBSCRIPTION, CONVICTED TWICE IN THE PAST, FOR RAPE AND FOR MURDER

. SUZUKI BEGAN TALKING.

JUNE 4TH, I MET WITH HIM IN A CAFE IN THE CAPITAL.

. BY READING A MAGAZINE, HE LEARNED THAT MON HAD THE HAIRS COMING FROM THE SHOULDERS TO THE BACK. THIS DISSPELLED HIS LAST DOUBTS.

THE TEDDY BEAR, THE FACIAL FEATURES, H S WORDS. LATER, IN APRIL, AFTER LEAVING PR SON

AT THE END OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR, WHILE BE NG IMPRISONED, HE SAW ON THE TV IMAGES OF MON, WHICH BROUGHT BACK CERTAIN MEMOR ES

HE ALSO TOLD ME: "IT'S THE LAD FROM THAT TIME."

TWENTY YEARS AGO, COMMITTING WHAT HE WOULD CONSIDER TODAY A YOUTHFUL ERROR, HE HAD ISOLATED HIMSELF IN THE MOUNTAINS TO PRACTICE ASCETI-CISM, WHICH HE DEFINED TO ME AS "THE MARRIAGE OF KARATE AND EXIS-TENTIALISM"

I AFFIRM MYSELF !!!

DO YOU UNDER-STAND, LAD?

KIEH KEGA AAAA AARD !!!

HE ALSO CLARIFIED "IT'S UNIQUELY ONCE THAT A HUMAN BEING BECOMES A HUMAN BEING WHICH S CAPABLE OF AFFIRMING ITSELF "

SUZUKI EXPLAINED TO ME THAT TH S PHRASE, "I AFFIRM MYSELF", HE HAD DRAWN FROM EX STENTIALIST THOUGHT, WH CH HE WAS NFATUATED WITH DLR NG THIS PERIOD

THEN, LOOK NG BACK ON HIS PAST, HE COR-RECTED HIMSELF "NO IN FACT, THE HUMAN BE NG S NOT WORTHY OF ANY TRUST "

" N FACT, ONLY GOD IS CAPABLE OF AFFIRM NG H MSELF "

THIS ATHEIST WHO HAS RAPED AND K LLED ONCE, AND WHO LATER REPEATED THESE SAME CRIMES, TOLD ME WITHOUT ANY IRONY:

THOSE ARE THE EXACT SAME WORDS OF TAKESHI IIJIMA, A MAN WHO LIVED WITH GOD AT H S S DE.

WORDS WH CH BREAK THE CONTRACT BETWEEN GOD AND MEN .

BUT WHO HAS REALLY BROKEN THIS CONTRACT? MEN? GOD? I DON'T THINK SO.

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WHAT S FOR SURE, IS THAT TWENTY YEARS AGO, A YOUNG BOY CALLED "HA RY", WHO CARRIED WITH HIM A TEDDY BEAR AND WHO HAD HA RS COMING FROM HIS SHOULDERS DOWN TO HIS BACK, LIVED WITH SUZUKI IN THE IZU MOUNTA NS

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HOWEVER, THERE IS NO DENYING THAT MUCH CRUELER TIMES ARE KNOWN

THE SAYING "A CHILD ABANDONED BY EVERYONE, EVEN GOD" WOULD GIVE IN TO AN UNWELCOME SENTIMENTALITY.

SIMPLY PUT, SUZUKI USED "HAIRY" WHO WAS AT THE RIGHT AGE TO FIND SOMETHING TO SUSTAIN HIM

I AFFIRM MYSELF

THE PATH OF THE EXISTENTIAL ASS

KENGO SUZUKI

EACH NIGHT, IN HIS TENT, SUZUKI REPEATED TO "HAIRY" "THIS ASCETICISM CONSISTS OF LEADING A SELF-SUFFICIENT LIFE IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE TRANSCENDENCE THROUGH PRACTICE OF THE EXISTENTIALIST THOUGHT"

. WAS THUS COMPLETELY FOREIGN TO THE WHOLE CONCEPT OF GRATITUDE AND AWE, AND THAT FOR HIM THE IDEA OF GOD DIDN'T EXIST

IT SHOULD BE NOTED HOWEVER THAT THIS CHILD

HE LED THE SIMPLE LIFE OF A HUMAN BEING WHICH KILLS TO LIVE

NEVERTHELESS, THIS MADE HIM EXPERIENCE "LIFE" FOR A FIRST TIME.

WHEN CLOTH NG AND FOOD RAN OUT, SUZUKI TAUGHT H M TO STEAL

"HAIRY", WHO NEVER TALKED AND WHO SHOWED NO EMOTION, WAS RENAMED TO "LAD" BY SUZUK WHO, FROM TIME TO TIME. .

LIFE IN SOC ETY, MORALS AND ETHICS, PR N- CIPLES WHICH HE WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE LEARNED, DIDN'T EXIST FOR HIM EITHER.

.BEAT HIM.

WHEN WINTER CAME, SUZUKI ASKED "HAIRY" FOR A FIRST TIME WHERE HE CAME FROM.

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GOOD! ONE MORE TIME!!!

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NOT SUBJECTIVISM
MUST CONCENTRATE ON
TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE FRICTION DUE
TO THE CRITIQUE OF ALIENATION

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UNPREDICTABLE AND
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(DESTRUCTION OF THE
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HESITATION
ANXIETY
AND FEAR

NEAR THE SEA
NARIKAWA?
NAMIKAWA? (NAMES OF PLACES)

MOTHER
WOMAN NU
WOMAN
WOMAN
NUMATA
KINUE ?
KINUE ?
LIKE THE MOVIE CHARACTER?

"NARIKAWA", "NAMIKAWA", "NEAR THE SEA", "KINUE NUMATA". THESE WORDS MADE ME FEEL SICK TO MY STOMACH.

IN THE NOTEBOOK, WHERE HE HAD WRITTEN BY HAND THE TEXT ENTITLED "THE PATH OF THE EXISTENTIAL FIST" WHICH WAS, ACCORDING TO HIM AT THE TIME, THE FUSION OF KARATE AND EXISTENTIALIST THOUGHT, HE NOTED THE NAMES OF PLACES AND THAT OF THE MOTHER OF "LAO"

WINTER ENDED AND GAVE WAY TO SPRING

LET ME NOW TELL YOU HOW THE COHABITATION OF SUZUKI AND "HAIRY" ENDED

MY JOURNALIST NATURE IS STRONGER AND RESONATES WITH ME

EVER SINCE THE LATE TAKESHI IIJIMA TOLD ME TO ARM MYSELF WITH MY PEN.

I STUMBLED UPON THE CITY OF NAMIKAWA, IN THE CHIBA PREFECTURE

I BOUGHT A MAP OF JAPAN AT A BOOKSTORE AND FIXING IZU AS A STARTING POINT I'VE COMPILED A LIST OF CITIES AROUND THE COAST

SUZUKI CAME OUT OF A SEVERE ASCETIC PERIOD AND YIELDED TO AN IMPULSE HE RAPED MIEKO ISHIWATARI STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY FOR YOUNG GIRLS. FUNAKOSHI THEN KILLED HER WITH THE HOLD "STRANGULATION OF CAMUS"

AFTER HIS CRIME, CHOOSING TO FACE HIS DEMONS INSTEAD OF ESCAPING HE SURRENDERED TO THE POLICE WHEN HE CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN PUSHED TO THIS ACT BY THE "WAKE OF SPRING" THE POLICE OFFICERS EXPLODED WITH ANGER

"SARTRE - KICK!"

ACCORDING TO HIS WORDS, "HAIRY" WITNESSED THE RAPE AND IN THE MURDER SQUEEZING HIS TEDDY BEAR AGAINST HIM ALL THE TIME

HIS EYES WERE AS ALWAYS.

WITHOUT SAYING A WORD SUZUKI BEAT HIM TO A PULP HE CONFIRMED NOT TO KNOW WHAT HAD HAPPENED WITH "HAIRY" AFTERWARDS

I APOLOGISE FOR TALKING ABOUT MY PRIVATE LIFE, BUT IN TEN DAYS MY WIFE, SETSUKO, WHO IS WITH HER PARENTS IN AOMORI, SHOULD GIVE BIRTH

AUGUST 3RD, I WENT BACK TO THE EDITORIAL OFFICE IN TOKYO. I TOOK THE TRAIN WHICH LEAVES FROM NAMIKAWA AT 13 24

I PROMISED HER TO MAKE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO BE AT THE DELIVERY, BUT I THINK THAT I WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP MY WORD

IN NACHIKATSUURA, IN THE WAKAYAMA PREFECTURE, THEY CALLED HIM THE "LITTLE BEAR"

SERIOUSLY?

I THINK THAT IN THE SAME YEAR, AT SPRING, "HAIRY" COMMITED A MURDER

THE PERSON BEHIND THESE MURDERS IS A KID THAT CAME FROM WHO KNOWS WHERE, WITHOUT PARENTS OR HOME WHO WAS CALLED "LITTLE BEAR"

ACCORDING TO SUNAMARA, WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE CREATION OF LEMON, THE BOOK THAT MAICHO WILL PUBLISH

THE DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CHILD THAT GOT HIS NICKNAME BECAUSE OF THE STUFFED TOY HE WAS ALWAYS CARRYING. SUGGESTS THAT THE "LITTLE BEAR" AND "HAIRY" ARE THE SAME PERSON.

THEY HAD ALREADY PICKED ON "LITTLE BEAR" SEVERAL TIMES WITHOUT HIM DOING ANYTHING BUT WHEN HIROSHI SHINA POURED THINNER ON THE STUFFED TOY

AND PUT IT ON FIRE, THE BEHAVIOUR OF THE "LITTLE BEAR" CHANGED IMMEDIATELY.

THIS "LITTLE BEAR" HAD ARRIVED ABOUT JUST TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE CRIME

THIS DAY THE VICTIM, HIROSHI SHINA, 13 YEARS OLD, YET A FRESHMAN IN UNIVERSITY, WAS AT THE HEAD OF A GROUP OF THREE SCHOOLBOYS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

MOST INTERESTING. IN ALL THIS, I BELIEVE IT'S THE FIRST TIME THAT "LITTLE BEAR", OR "HAIRY", SHOWS HIS FEELINGS

APPARENTLY, THE POLICE SEARCHED FOR THE CRIMINAL, BUT THEY HIT A WALL ALL TRACES OF "LITTLE BEAR" HAD DISAPPEARED

AND THEN... HE REPORTEDLY PULLED A KNIFE FROM A PAPER BAG AND WOULD HAVE THIS STUDENT GUTTED LIKE A FISH.

MESSAGE RECEIVED ON AUGUST 5TH AT 22 55.

SETSUKO HERE. IT'S THE END OF ANOTHER DAY IN JOY AND HAPPINESS! GOOD LUCK AT THE JOB! GOOD NIGHT!

YOU HAVE A MESSAGE

WAS BOUGHT BY H M FOR "MON" WH LE THEY WERE AT TENNOJI, IN OSAKA, BECAUSE THE LATTER "WANTED TO HAVE IT"

ACCORDING TO THE DEPOSITION OF TOSH YA M SUMI, CALLED "TOSH", THIS TEDDY BEAR THAT "MON" HAD KEPT WITH H M ALL THROUGHOUT THE BLOODY JOURNEY OF TOSHI-MON

LEAVING ASIDE THE ASSUMPTION OF WEARINESS IF THE DECISION TO BREAK A BOND IS THE R GHT HYPOTHESIS, WHAT WAS THE MOTIVE? AND IF IT'S THE ONE OF THE SUBSTITUTION, THEN WHAT NEW OBJECT DID HE FIND TO INVEST HIS FEELING INTO, THE ONES THAT HE STOPPED TO HARBOR TOWARDS TH S TOY?

WHEN A PERSON OVERCOMES A FEELING, IT'S BECAUSE THEY HAVE GROWN TIRED OF IT OR BECAUSE THEY HAVE TAKEN THE DEC SION TO BREAK A BOND, OR EVEN BECAUSE THEY HAVE DISCOVERED A SUBSTITUTE.

NEVERTHELESS, NEARLY TWENTY YEARS LATER, "MON" WAS STILL ATTACHED TO THIS TOY. TO ME THAT'S NOT AN ATTACHMENT TO THE OBJECT BY ITSELF.

THERE IS ALSO ANOTHER STUFFED TOY, THAT OF "HAIRY" OR "LITTLE BEAR"

I THINK THAT "MON" WAS ATTACHED TO THE "FEELINGS" THAT HE HARBORED IN RESPECT TO THIS TOY AND DESPITE THAT, HE OVERCAME IT

AUGUST 8TH
KOCHI PREFECTURE ASHIZURI

I MET WITH THE LAST LIVING WITNESS OF THIS CASE, THE EX-CHIEF OF INVESTIGATIONS OF THE AOMORI PREFECTURE POLICE, WHO IS CURRENTLY IN SHIKOKU, WHERE HE COMPLETES THE SHIKOKU PILGRIMAGE

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN MOUNT TENKURA, IN THE AKITA PREFECTURE, AT WHAT IS NOW THE LAST KNOWN APPEARANCE OF MON ON JAPANESE SOIL.

JUN CHI SHIOMI...

MR SHIOMI, I HAVEN'T COME TO LISTEN TO YOUR QUESTIONING YOUR CONSCIENCE

WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS YOUNG WOMAN BECAUSE OF ME IS INEXCUSABLE.

BUT FOR YOU TO TELL ME HOW D D "MON" REACT WHEN MARIA ABENO WAS SHOT .

TO DEATH BY A STRAY BULLET FROM THE POLICE ACCORD NG TO YOU, WHAT DID HE FEEL AT THAT MOMENT?

"DESPAIR" THAT'S WHAT MR SH·OMI REPLIED TO ME THAT DAY

THE ATTACH-MENT OF "MON" TO MARIA ABENO WAS SUCH THAT IT PROVOKED A JEALOUSY IN TOSHI

ON THE WEBSITE OF THE K LL NG AGENCY THAT TOSH AND MON CREATED, SHE LEFT TH S MESSAGE " LOVE "

"MON" HAS DANCED WITH THE BROKEN MAR.A DLR NG THE WANTON SHOOTING N AKITA.

NO HOPE AN INFINITE NOTH-NGNESS, S EXTENDING SO FAR THAT ONE CAN HAVE A LOOK.

A WORD WHICH DEFINED PER-FECTLY THE CH LDHOOD OF "MON"

THEN I BELIEVE THAT TH S VALIDATES THE HYPOTHES S ACCORDING TO WHICH SHE WAS THE SUBTITUTE FOR HIS TEDDY BEAR.

IF WHAT "MON" FELT, AT THAT INSTANT WHEN MAR.A ABENO D ED, IS TRULY DESPA R

PENETRATING WORDS IF THE DEATH OF MARIA HAS IMMERSED HIM IN DESPAIR, THIS INDICATES THAT PREVIOUSLY HE WAS INDEED HOLDING HOPE.

AND IF WE CONSIDER THAT SHE REPLACED THIS TEDDY BEAR, THEN WE CAN CONCLUDE THAT "MON" HAD PLACED HIS HOPES IN THIS TOY.

"YET, THERE IS NO ABSOLUTE DESPAIR IN THE WORLD OF MAN."

AUGUST 12TH
CHIBA PREFECTURE, NAMIKAWA

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"HAIRY", "LAD", "LITTLE BEAR"... WHAT WAS HE CALLED AFTERWARDS? WHAT KIND OF LIFE DID HE LEAD? ONLY THE TESTIMONY OF "FOLLOWERS OF MON" AND OF THOSE WHO HAVE CROSSED HIS PATH COULD TELL US.

WHAT IS CERTAIN, HOWEVER, IS THAT HE OBTAINED THIS TOY SOMEWHERE BETWEEN NAMIKAWA AND ZJ PERSONALLY, I BETTED ON NAMIKAWA.

YES. . YES, YES! I AM VERY SORRY. LOOK AFTER YOUR DAUGHTER, MADAM. YES, THANKS.

THE LABOUR BEGAN

BEEP

GOOD

TO MYOTOKU TEMPLE, PLEASE

THERE'S BEEN NO ONE TO TAKE RESPONSIB LITY FOR THEM. TH S WOMAN, TOO, IS A CH LD ABAN- DONNED BY HER PARENTS.

THE ASHES OF THE WOMAN REST IN A GRAVE IN THE MYOTOKU TEMPLE

WHO ELSE COULD HAVE GIVEN "MON" TH S TOY ON WHICH HE HAS REMA NED ATTACHED FOR TWENTY YEARS?

K NUE NUMATA THE MOTHER OF "HA RY", WHO ABANDONNED HIM N ORDER TO COMM T A SUICIDE TOGETHER WITH HER LOVER BY THROWING THEMSELVES FROM THE KIMIGAURA CL FF.

SHE WOULD HAVE JUST SA D TO HIM SHE SAW K NUE AND "HA RY" THE DAY OF THE TRAGEDY.

IT APPEARED THAT THIS PERSON HAS LIVED AT NAM KAWA IN THE PAST, BUT BECAUSE SHE IS NOT A VISITOR OF THE TEMPLE, THE MONK DOESN'T KNOW HER.

WHEN I CONTACTED THE MONK, HE TOLD ME THAT EACH YEAR, ON AUGUST 12TH, THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF K NUE NUMATA, A WOMAN WOULD V SIT THE GRAVE

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HUH?

AH! YOU ARE HERE! YOU ARE THE JOURNALIST WITHOUT A RIGHT ARM !!!

CLIC

...WHEN THE MONK CAME TO MEET ME, I GOT COLD FEET!

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SINCE I NEVER MAKE ANY OFFER- ING...

WHEN I SAY STA NED, I DON'T MEAN THAT WE SPENT OUR TIME MAKING LOVE, HUH!

HOWEVER, UNDER-STAND ME WELL.

I REMEMBER THAT THE SPRING OF THAT YEAR, THE SKY TOO, WAS STAINED YELLOW.

AND WITH SOME MARRIED GUY WITH A FAMILY, ON TOP OF IT

YOU WILL TELL ME THAT I LOOKED FOR HER TO ESCAPE WITH HER LOVER WHILE BEING PAST TH RTY IT'S NOT THE SMARTEST TH NG TO DO ! KNOW THIS WELL. MIND YOU

YOU WANT SOME?

NO THANK YOU.

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IT WAS A RUBBISH COLLEC-TION DAY THE BULKY RUBBISH.

IT RAINED ALL MORN NG ON THE DAY THEY COMMITED SUICIDE.

NOWADAYS, I HAVE MY LITTLE QUIET LIFE ON THE SIDE OF SAWARA, BUT AT THAT TIME, IT WAS SOME-TH NG

LATER, I LEARNED THAT IT WAS THE FAMOUS LAD

AND THEN, BEH ND HER, I SAW A VERY DIRTY KID, WHO FOLLOWED HER IN SMALL STEPS.

I SAW COM NG A WOMAN N A BRIGHT RED DRESS HOLD NG AN UMBRELLA. SHE HAS ALREADY BEEN DESCRIBED TO YOU AS A SLAG, I IMAG NE..

AND WITH HER FINGERTIPS, THE WOMAN TOOK FROM THERE A COMPLETELY SOAKED TEDDY BEAR.

AH!

THEY BOTH STOPPED AT THE PILE OF BULKY RUBBISH.

AND THEN

AND IN AN ANNOYED MANNER, SHE GAVE IT TO THE BOY AND TOLD HIM:

YES! HELLO!

BEEP

AH, GIVE ME A MOMENT, PLEASE

"GO DIE."

HE... HE IS BORN?

GOOD

I WANT TO SEE HIM

NO, NO

I ASSURE YOU, I WOULD LOVE TO SEE HIM IMMEDIATELY.

YES, I LEAVE IT TO YOU

YOU ARE R GHT. THE WORLD IS VERY SAD

BUT TELL YOUR DAUGHTER... THAT I WILL DO EVERYTHING FOR THE HAPPI-NESS OF BOTH OF THEM.

UNDER-STOOD

YES ..

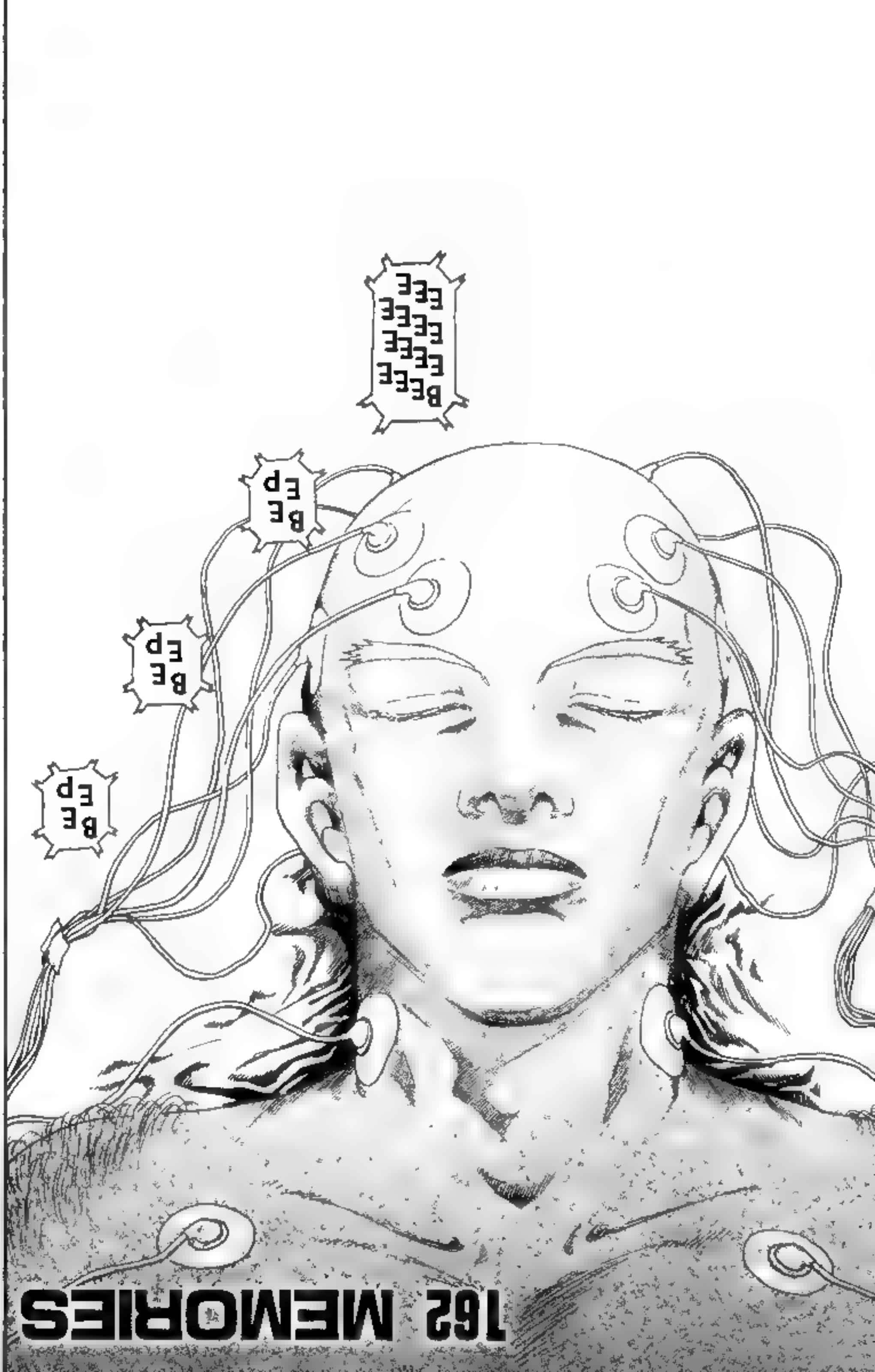
IF ONLY I WENT TO TALK TO TH S KID AT THAT TIME THAT'S WHAT I TELL MYSELF

NOW, IT'S THE IMAGE OF "HA RY" FROM THAT DAY WHICH HAUNTS ME, EVEN THOUGH I WASN'T THERE TO SEE HIM. I LONG TO KNOW WHAT FUTURE HE PICTURED THEN 'D LOVE TO FIND HOPE THERE.

BEFORE TH S GRAVE, I HAD WELL SAID THAT I WOULD DO EVERYTHING FOR THE HAPPINESS OF THOSE TWO, I STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT FORM WILL TH S HAPPINESS TAKE, AND IN WHAT TYPE OF FUTURE.

THAT WAS ONE WEEK AGO. TODAY, I JOINED MY WIFE AND OUR BABY AT THE AOMORI HOSPITAL, WHERE WE ALL THREE LISTEN THE SPEECH OF PRES DENT HAYES.

IT'S AUGUST 19TH AND MANKIND HAS FALLEN INTO DESPAIR.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ANOMALIES IN THE COMPUTER SYSTEM OF A CARGO SATELLITE WHOSE LAUNCH MUST BE DONE FROM THE SPACE CENTER OF BAIKONUR, IN KAZAKHSTAN.

IT'S IN A DEMINING AGENCY FROM CAMBODIA THAT THE CLONED TWIN SISTERS HAVE INTERPRETED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN PUBLIC THEIR NEW TITLE

THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT EXPRESSES RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT, FROM AFRICAN COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING FAMINE, TO TURN HIGUMADON INTO FOOD

IN A HIGH SCHOOL FOR MONKS, IN THE STATE OF IOWA, A STUDENT OPENS FIRE AND SHOOTS RANDOMLY WHILE SCREAMING "DESTRUCTION AND REBIRTH."

IN A CENTER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ASEPSIS OF THE SILICON VALLEY, RACIAL DISCRIMINATIONS LEAD TO A MURDER

PARENTS, DESPAIRED BY THE GENOME OF THEIR CHILD, HAVE HIJACKED A PLANE AND DEMAND THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE GENES OF THEIR PROGENY

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IN GENEVA, AN ATOMIC BOMB IN A BRIEFCASE WAS FOUND, ACCORDING TO WHAT WAS A MERE RUMOUR UNTIL TODAY. THIS MODEL WAS DEVELOPED IN EX-USSR

THE PRICE ON MON'S HEAD FAR EXCEEDS ANYTHING SEEN IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND, REACHING 100 MILLION DOLLARS.

MESSAGE FROM INTERPOL. THE "MON MOVEMENT", WHICH HAS EXTENDED TO THE WHOLE WORLD, IS NOT AN INSTRUMENT OF ANY RELIGION, IDEOLOGY OR ORGANIZATION. THEIR CORE REMAINS IMPOSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY.

THE RELIGIOUS CONFLICT BETWEEN ENGLAND AND NORTHERN IRELAND INTENSIFIES. THERE ARE EXPLOSIONS AND SHOOTINGS IN LONDON.

WHEN THEY CLAIMED THEIR ACTIONS, THE TWO SIDES CITED MON: "DON'T RESIST. ACCEPT EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED."

MR PRESI-DENT! YOUR WIFE IS HERE!

JENNI-FER!

JENNI-FER!

DESPITE THIS, THERE IS NO NEW INFORMA-TION ON MON. YOU ARE ON CMM NEWS.

WHITE HOUSE AUGUST 19TH 01:03

NO SIR !!!

ROY! WOULD YOU BE TIRED OF SEEING THIS NAKED BODY?

DOGWOOD HAYES PRESIDENT OF THE USA

YE... YES SIR !!!

PREPARE TWO CUPS OF WARM MILK AND BR NG THEM TO THE TERRACE

THE SAME DAY — 01:34 — DOGWOOD HAYES CALMS HIS WIFE ON THE TERRACE

JENNI-FER.

HAYES

PRESIDENTIAL PR
(LIKELY VO
46% BOSH
41% HAYES
8% GOMA
55 50 45 40 35 30 25 20 15 10

YOU KNOW, ONE DAY, A SWEET DREAM LIKE COTTON WILL TUCK US IN, SOOTHING YOUR WOUNDS, MINE, AND THOSE OF OUR CHILD IN HEAVEN

First Baby

SLEEP THEN, JENNIFER

EVEN IF A MILLION SHOOTING STARS WERE TO FALL ON EARTH

YORK

VOTE

43% BOSH 43% HA

MY BODY WOULD PROTECT YOU, HARD AS STEEL, YET SOFT AND WARM LIKE A CHICK

BEFORE GOD, I SWEAR

I AM HERE AND GOD IS AT MY SIDE NOW THEN

SLEEP, JENNIFER.

THE SAME DAY 07:28
THE PRESIDENT HAS HIS BREAKFAST IN THE OVAL OFFICE

DEATH TO THE TERRORISTS !!!

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THREE MEMBERS OF "THE LIBERATION ARMY OF IRELAND" WERE ARRESTED YESTERDAY DUR NG THE EVENTS IN THE CENTER OF LONDON ONE OF THEM REMEMBERED HAVING BEEN IN CONTACT WITH MON

BUT, AS EXPECTED, HE DECLARED "I HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANY ORDERS FROM MON IN HIS WORDS. "DON'T RESIST ACCEPT EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED", I SAW THE FUTURE"

IGNORING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF HIS TREATING PHYSICIAN, HE EATS A 500G STEAK. AS ALWAYS DURING THE USUAL MORNING MEETING, HE GETS VERY ANGRY WHEN IT IS CONFIRMED TO HIM THAT THERE ISN'T "ANY NEW INFORMATION REGARDING MON".

IT'S TOO DANGER-OUS TO LET MON LIVE!!!

TO PLAY THE ROLE OF A BIG EVIL, THE USA ALREADY HAD SADDAM HUSSEIN AND THAT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH!!!

ALLOW ME TO REPEAT WHAT THE MESSAGE FROM INTERPOL STATED A MAN WHO WAS IN CONTACT WITH MON WAS ARRESTED THIS IS THE 33RD HEARING OF THIS KIND

IN A VILLAGE EAST OF KENYA, MORE OF THE STACKS WE ALL KNOW HAVE BEEN FOUND

YES!

NEXT !!!

IDIOTS! THOSE WHO ENGAGE IN TERROR SM HAVE NO FUTURE!!!

"I DON'T KNOW", IS THAT IT?

AND AS EXPECTED, WHEN ASKED "WHAT KIND OF FUTURE?" HE ANSWERED

EXACTLY

I DON'T KNOW WHAT MADE THEM ENGAGE IN THIS LITTLE GAME, AND I HAVE NO TASTE FOR OCCULTISM, SO.. THE NEXT REPORT!!!

MR PRESIDENT .. THESE VILLAGERS ARE COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF MON'S EXISTENCE.

AND?

THE PEOPLE HAVE MADE THEM WITH STONES OR WITH COWDUNG, AND COVERED WITH THEM THE AREA OF THE VILLAGE

IT COULD BE JUST A SIMPLE COMPUTER MALFUNCTION, PIRATE INFILTRATION, THE TYPE OFTEN SEEN IN ANY SYSTEM. THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE CAUSE FOR THIS ANOMALY IS UNDERWAY

THE DEFCON HAS SUDDENLY MOVED TO STAGE 3.

INFORMATION THAT NORAD JUST LET US KNOW .

THE SMUGGLING OF CUTICLES FROM HIGUMADON BECOMES MORE AND MORE WIDESPREAD..

REINFORCE THE SURVEILLANCE !!! SOMETHING ELSE?

THE SAME DAY
SAN FRANCISCO

SPIDER-MAN!!

WHAT IS THAT ?

LOCAL TIME 07:07

AT THE SAME TIME 10:07
WASHINGTON DC

GET DOWN FROM THERE...

PRESS BRIEFING ROOM OF THE WHITE HOUSE

AND NOW I AM LISTEN NG TO YOUR G ESTIONS

.WE'... BE NO MATCH IF OUR REACTION IS SIMPLY: "THE ENEMY WASN'T A BRUTE! WE WI... NOT DEFEAT IT BY EATING SPINACH!"

WILL YOU NOT CONSIDER FOLLOWING THE GLOBAL TREND WITH REGARDS TO THIS?

THE USA ARE PRE-PAR NG AGA N TO GREATLY INCREASE THE R MILITARY BUDGET

WHEN THE THREATS THAT THE FUTURE HOLDS, AND THAT WE ALL IGNORE, ARE LOOM NG

WHAT LESSONS DO YOU DRAW FROM HIGU-MADON'S EXISTENCE?

AT THE SAME TIME 08:08' · NORAD
PALM SPRINGS COMPLEX

DEFCON

5

4

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BEEE

BEEE

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NORAD

COMBAT OPERATIONS CENTER

PERHAPS YOU WILL M SUNDERSTAND WHAT I AM SAYING, BUT EACH OF THESE WORDS HAS RESONATED WITH MY HEART. I'D LIKE TO ASK WHAT YOU, MR PRESIDENT, SEE IN THESE WORDS.

MON IS SEEN WEAVING A STR NG OF WORDS· "SKY, SEA, FLOWER, RA·NBOW, FEELINGS, M RACLE OF LIFE, FERTILE DEATH, FUTURE "

I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU ANOTHER QUESTION RELATED TO THE IMAGES, WHICH YOU HAVE ALSO SEEN, SHOT IN THE BLACK FOREST

FOR THEIR PART, THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN MOVED TO ACTION BY THESE WORDS, AND WHO FORMED WHAT THEY CALL THE "MON MOVEMENT" CONFIRM THAT THEY HAVE SEEN IN THESE WORDS THE FUTURE AND HOPE

PERHAPS A SPECIAL VERSION OF THE IMAGES HAS BEEN BROADCAST N FRANCE, GO FIGURE.

VERY SADLY, I'VE SEEN NOTH NG IN THEM.

NO. THAT YOU, MR PRESIDENT, YOU DRAW FOR HUMANITY?

COULD YOU TELL US MORE ABOUT THE FUTURE AND HOPE THAT AMERICA DRAWS FOR US.

ALL THE SFX ARE BUTTON PRESSING SOUNDS, LIKE FROM A KEYBOARD. FOR EXAMPLE ENGLISH EQUIVALENTS WOULD BE "CLICK" "CLACK" AND "TAP"

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AS IT IS WRITTEN IN THE B BLE, THE INVITATION TO EVIL IS ALWAYS SWEET TO THE EAR.

TELL ME. ARE YOU A JOURNALIST OR A TER-ROR ST?

BEEEE
BEEEE
BEEEE
THE DEFCON LEVEL SHOULDN'T GO LOWER!!!
DATA PASSES THROUGH THE FIREWALL AND ARRIVES ONE AFTER THE OTHER!!! IMPOSSIBLE TO BLOCK THE FLOW FROM HERE!!!
BEEEE
BEEEE
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK

AT THE SAME TIME
CHICAGO

AS THEY SEE FIT, YOU SAY? REMEMBER THE MASSACRES THAT MON WAS HAPPY TO COMMIT IN JAPAN!!!

THE ONES TOUCHED BY THE WORDS OF MON DRAW THEIR FUTURE AS THEY SEE IT BE IT THROUGH BLOODSHED AS HUMANITY HAS ALWAYS DONE OR OTHERWISE

ARE YOU TELLING ME NOW THAT THIS IS THE ESSENCE OF THE "MON MOVEMENT" WHICH CARRIES OUT ONLY ACTS OF TERRORISM?

AT THE SAME TIME SAN FRANCISCO

AND IF THOSE MASSACRES WERE COMMITTED IN THE NAME OF GOD? WOULD YOU DARE TO CONTRADICT THE BIBLE, MR PRESIDENT?

"I WANT ALL BEINGS TO LIVE FREE, IN PEACE AND AS EQUALS, IN A WORLD THAT IS BEAUTIFUL, HAPPY, AND CHEERFUL."

THE THIRD DEMAND EXPRESSED BY TOSHI DURING THE ATTACK ON THE POLICE STATION WEST OF AOMORI, IN JAPAN, CLAIMS THE FOLLOWING

"A GOOD WORLD, FILLED WITH LOVE, KINDNESS, AND HAPPINESS BRING ME SUCH A WORLD."

AT THE SAME TIME
LOS ANGELES

CARRY ON

BEEEE

BEEEE

INDEX 1!!! AUTOMATIC COUNTERAT-TACK SYSTEM ACTIVATED!!!

ALERT MESSAGE! "IDENTICAL CONFIGURA-TION IN THE UK AND IN FRANCE"!!!

BEEEE

YURI, THE JAPANESE PR ME M NISTER THEN HAD TO USE A SUBTERFUGE, DEC..AR NG "EVERYTHING MUST BE DONE TO CREATE IT "

THE IMAGE THAT CAME TO ME APTER I HEARD THE WORDS OF MON IS THAT OF A "FUTURE FOR HUMANITY" AND IF I HAD TO DESCRIBE IT I WOULD USE WORDS CLOSE TO WHAT TOSHI SAID

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DESCRIBE US THE FUTURE THAT YOU DRAW FOR MANK ND.

AND NOW, MR PRES DENT... YOU, THE LEADER OF THE AMERICAN SUPERPOWER, YOU, THE LEADER OF HUMANITY .

AT THE SAME TIME
SAN FRANCISCO

AT THE SAME TIME
CHICAGO

HAVE JUST BEEN HIT BY TERRORIST ATTACKS USING NUCLEAR WEAPON AH! THE NUMBER KEEPS GROWING

EIGHT CITIES ON AMERICAN SOIL UH ELEVEN CITIES AH, RIGHT NO. THIRTEEN CITIES..

AT THE SAME TIME
LONDON

JESUS!

OUR STUDIO IN NEW YORK IS SENDING ME IMPORTANT INFORMATION OH

HUH?

PRESIDENT HAYES KEEPS SILENT AND

HUMANITY WENT STRAIGHT TO THE AUTOMATIC ACTIVATION OF WW3 !!!

MR PRESIDENT!!!

RE... RE... REPORT FROM NORAD!!!

THE AUTOMATIC COUNTERATTACK SYSTEM REACTS TO EACH OF THE NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS!!! THE COUNTDOWN TO THE LAUNCH OF ARMED NUCLEAR MISSILES HAS ALREADY STARTED, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO STOP THE COMMAND!!!

BEEEE

NO RESIST

ACCEPT!!

BEEEE

MINNEAPOLIS!!! PHOENIX!!! SEATTLE!!!

ALL IS CONNECTED

BEEEE

IT CONTINUES!!! IT CONTINUES!!!

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ALERT MESSAGE FROM THE UK, FRANCE, RUSSIA, CHINA, INDIA, AND FROM PAKISTAN!!!

NUCLEAR MISSILES WILL BE LAUNCHED FROM ALL THE BASES ON AMERICAN TERRI-TORY!!!

AUTOMATIC COUNTERAT-TACK SYSTEM OUT OF CONTROL!!! TRIGGERING THE AUTOMATIC COUNTDOWN!!!

FOLLOWING THE ATTACKS LAUNCHED WORLDWIDE SIMULTANEOUSLY BY CYBER TER-RORISTS, THE DEFENSE SYSTEMS OF ALL COUN-TRIES HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO NOTHING!!!!

IT'S A JOKE

30 SECONDS

"WE ARE DEEPLY SORRY TO HAVE TO INFORM YOU THAT NUCLEAR MISSILES AIMED AT YOUR COUNTRY WERE LAUNCHED FROM OURS!!! WE THEREFORE URGE YOU TO PLEASE TRIGGER YOUR DEFENSE SYSTEM IN ORDER TO INTERCEPT AND DESTROY AS MANY AS POSSIBLE!!!" THE OTHER MESSAGES SAY THE EXACT SAME THING!!!

KRR
RRR
KRR
RRR

KRRR
RRRR
KRRR

...AND PHILADELPHIA HAVE BEEN DESTROYED !!!

RI... RISES A GIANT MUSHROOM! THE FORCE OF THE EXPLOSION WIL...

SOUTH OF THE WHITE HOUSE, IN THE DIRECTION OF ALEXANDRIA.

BOSTON ...

THE TERRORIST ATTACKS WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS, WHICH WERE AIMED ALL THROUGHOUT AMERICAN TERRITORY HAVE WIPED THIRTY CITIES OFF THE MAP IN ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES ... AH

IT SEEMS THAT THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER JOYD IS ABOUT TO MAKE AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE ENGLISH PEOPLE.

LONDON

AND NOW... IN THE SKY, TO THE NORTH!!!

USA

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MR PRESIDENT!!! IT'S BALTIMORE!!!

BEEEE

NO RESIST
ACCEPT
ALL IS CONNECTED

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A... A RAIN OF NUCLEAR MISSILES IS ABOUT TO FALL ON THE WHOLE WORLD!!!

FIRING MISSILES!!! DEFENSE SYSTEM OUT OF CONTROL!!!

WE ARE ENTITLED TO THEM !!!

WHERE ARE THE SHEL-TERS?

BEEEE

RUN AWAY !!!

THERE IS A CHOICE BETWEEN THE TERRORIST ATTACKS AND MISSILES. WASHINGTON DC IS RUINED !!!

HURRY !!!

MR PRESI-DENT!!! TO THE SHELTER !!!

TO ALL CITIZENS OF NEW YORK MOVE AROUND CALMLY DON'T YIELD TO PANIC.

FUCK !!!

HOW DO THEY EXPECT US TO BE CALM?

TELL ME THIS ISN'T TRUE!!!

UNDER-GROUND !!!

UNDER-GROUND !!!

NEW YORK

B... BUT... NO...

DEAR EMPLOYEES, THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING GO HIDE IN THE SHELTERS.

MR PRESI-DENT!!!

MR PRESI-DENT!!!

DON'T MAKE ME REPEAT MYSELF TAKE CARE OF MY WIFE

I THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART

WE ARE LIVE!!! MR PRESIDENT, YOUR SPEECH!!!

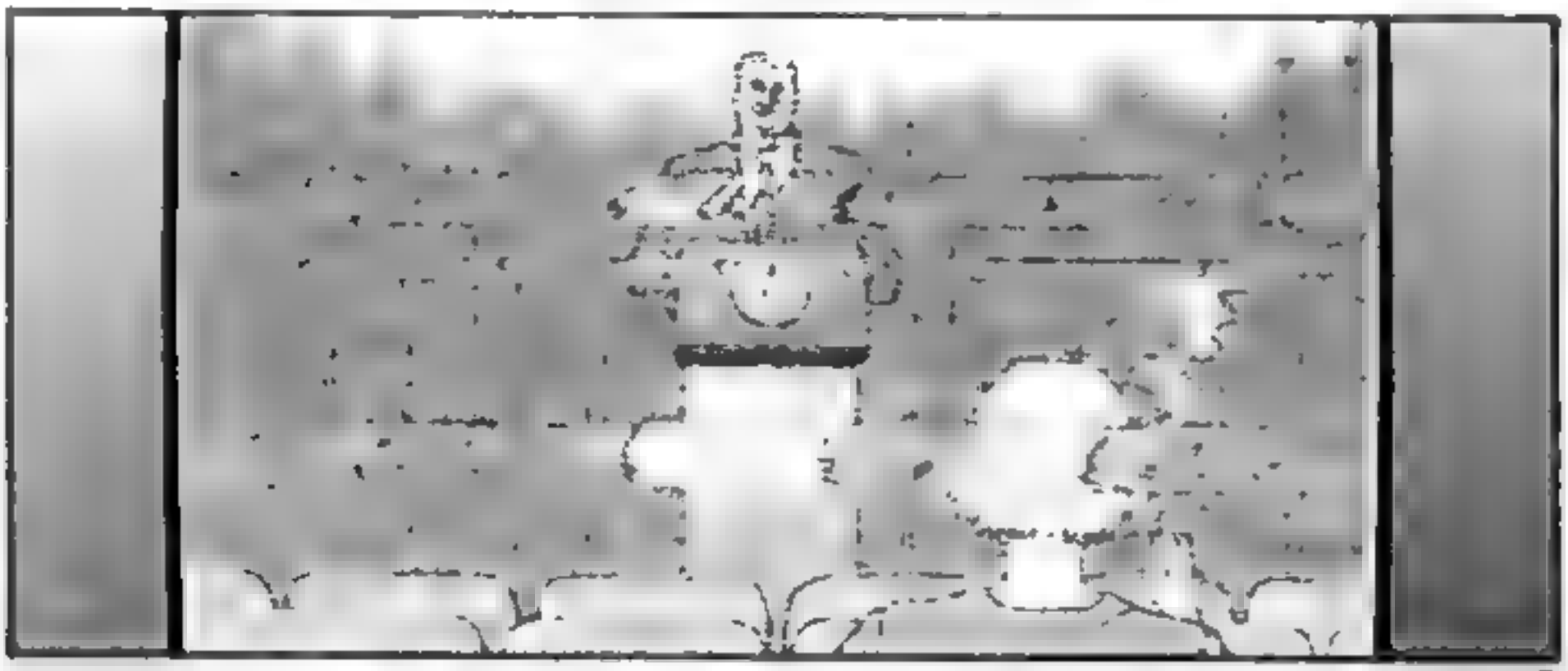
AND YOU . WHY DON'T YOU RUN AWAY?

MR DOGWOOD HAYES, YOUR SPEECH WILL CLOSE THE HISTORY OF MANKIND. WE ARE LISTENING

AND YOU ARE NOW COMPARING ME TO HIM?

IN TERMS OF IDEAS. MAYBE I WAS ABLE TO SPEAK TO HIM ONLY ONCE

WOULD YOU BE A SUPPORTER OF MON?



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UH, NO... LET ME REPHRASE.

INHABITANTS OF THE PLANET. HUMANITY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO AGREE ON THE FUTURE.

DESPITE EVERYTHING, WE WILL NOT YIELD TO TERRORISM!!! WE, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA...

I WOULD LIKE SIMPLY FOR YOU TO LISTEN DURING THE SHORT TIME THAT MY VOICE WILL STILL REACH YOU

MY COUNTRY HAS LOST THE VAST MAJORITY OF ITS POPULATION I CAN'T SPEAK AS ITS LEADER

MY THOUGHTS ARE AIMED AT THE WORLD THAT WILL PERISH

YES, THAT'S IT I WOULD LIKE THAT WE ALL IMAGINE OURSELVES "THE WORLD"

TOSHIHA

AH P

MY WIFE, OUR CHILD WHO COULDN'T LIVE BECAUSE SHE WAS SHOT

ON MY PART, I JUST REALIZED HOW NARROW MY WORLD WAS

FOR ME, ENOSHIMA THAT'S ENOUGH, AS A PLACE OF REMEMBRANCE

MY HOMETOWN, THE WHITE HOUSE. THE PLACES WHERE I HAVE STAYED, ALL THESE PLACES FULL OF MEMORIES ..

MY DEAD PARENTS, MY FRIENDS MY PEOPLE SADLY, I CAN'T IMAGINE THE FACES OF THIS LAST ONE.

WHETHER THERE ARE TEN MINUTES OR ONE HOUR BEFORE THE SHOWER OF NUCLEAR MISSILES FALLS ON THE WORLD, I HAVE ONLY ONE HOPE .

HOW TO SAY THIS MAKES ME WANT TO LAUGH

TO FEEL ANYTHING BUT HATRED AND REGRET WHEN HUMANITY WILL BE DESTROYED!!!

DID YOU FIND THE SKY BEAU-TIFUL?

DID YOU FIND THE SEA BEAU-TIFUL?

WERE YOU MOVED BY THE FLOWERS AND RAINBOWS?

HAVE YOUR FEELINGS BEEN UNDER-STOOD?

DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE MIRACLE OF LIFE?

ARE YOU GRATEFUL TO THE FERTILE DEATHS?

WHAT IS YOUR FUTURE?

I JUST FOUND... WHAT I CAN SAY TO YOU ALL.

THE WORLD IS YOURS.

MON HIMSELF SAID SO.

THE MIGHT OF THE ELEMENTS, THE IMMUTABLE RETURN OF THE DAY AFTER THE NIGHT, AND THE FRAGILITY OF ALL FORMS OF LIFE...

...TAUGHT MEN THE LIMITS OF THEIR POWER, BUT OFFERED THEM AT THE SAME TIME A PROMISE OF FERTILITY.

POWER GOVERNS EVERYTHING. THE WEAK WERE DOMINATED BY THE STRONG, WHO WERE THEMSELVES DOMINATED BY THOSE STRONGER THAN THEM.

IN THE BEGINNING, MEN ENJOYED THE BLESSINGS OF THE EARTH AND THE FAVOUR OF HEAVEN. THEY WERE SATISFIED WITH LIFE.

DON'T DIE.

MUM...

O... DIE!!!!

...WORSHIP THESE THREE SOURCES OF FEAR...

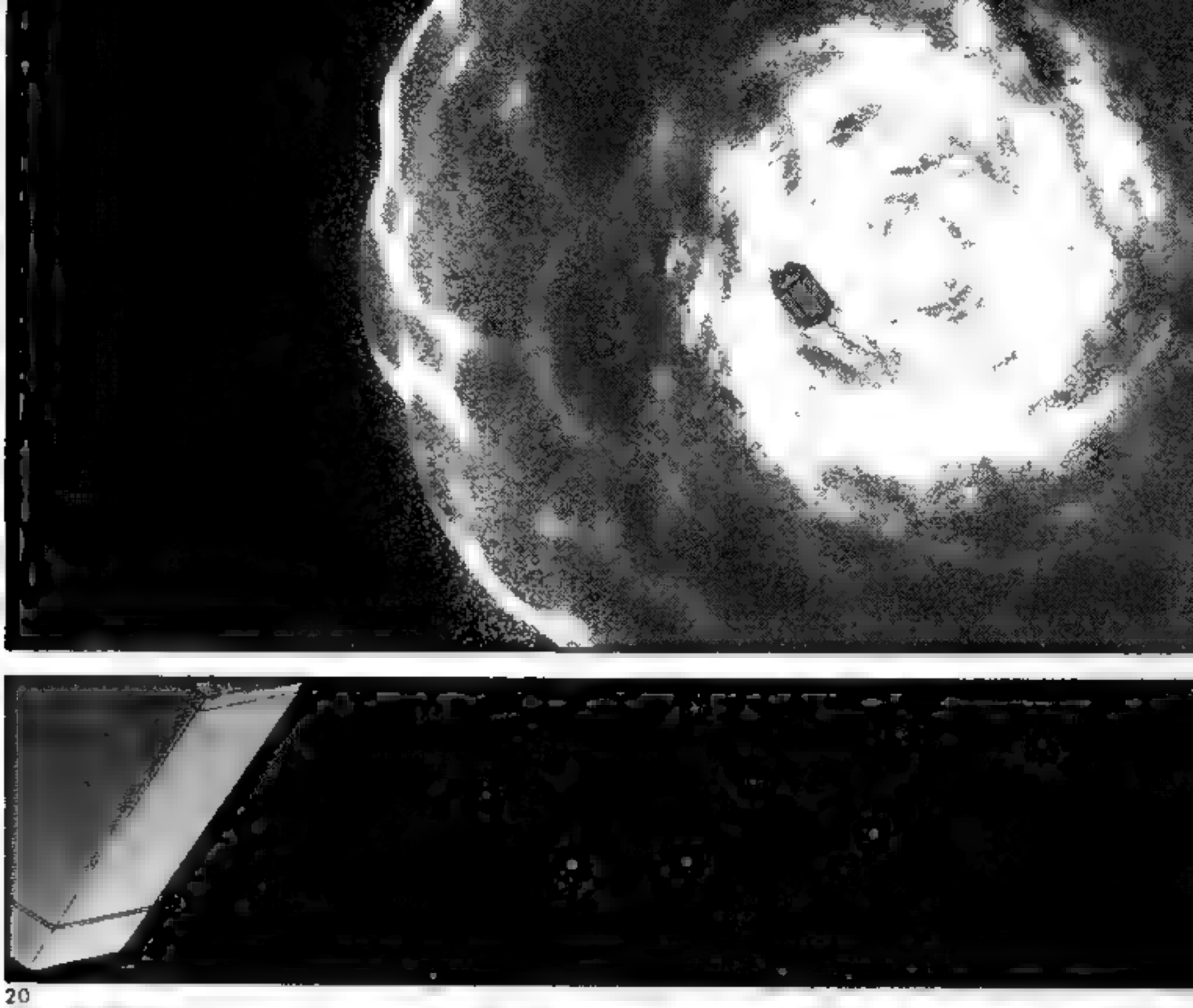
MEN THEN..

...AND BY SUBDUING THEM..

..BECOME HUMAN BEINGS.

IN THE BEGINNING, HUMAN BEINGS FEARED GOD.

THAT WAS...
THIRTY THOUSAND YEARS AGO.



CAN WE OR CAN WE NOT SEE A HOPE IN HIM? IMPOSSIBLE TO KNOW.
JUST LIKE IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO JUDGE IF ONE CAN OR CANNOT LIKE
HIM. BUT WHAT FLEW AWAY, IT WAS INDEED THE BODY OF THE
RUTHLESS KILLER THAT HAD BEEN CALLED AN ENEMY OF HUMANITY.

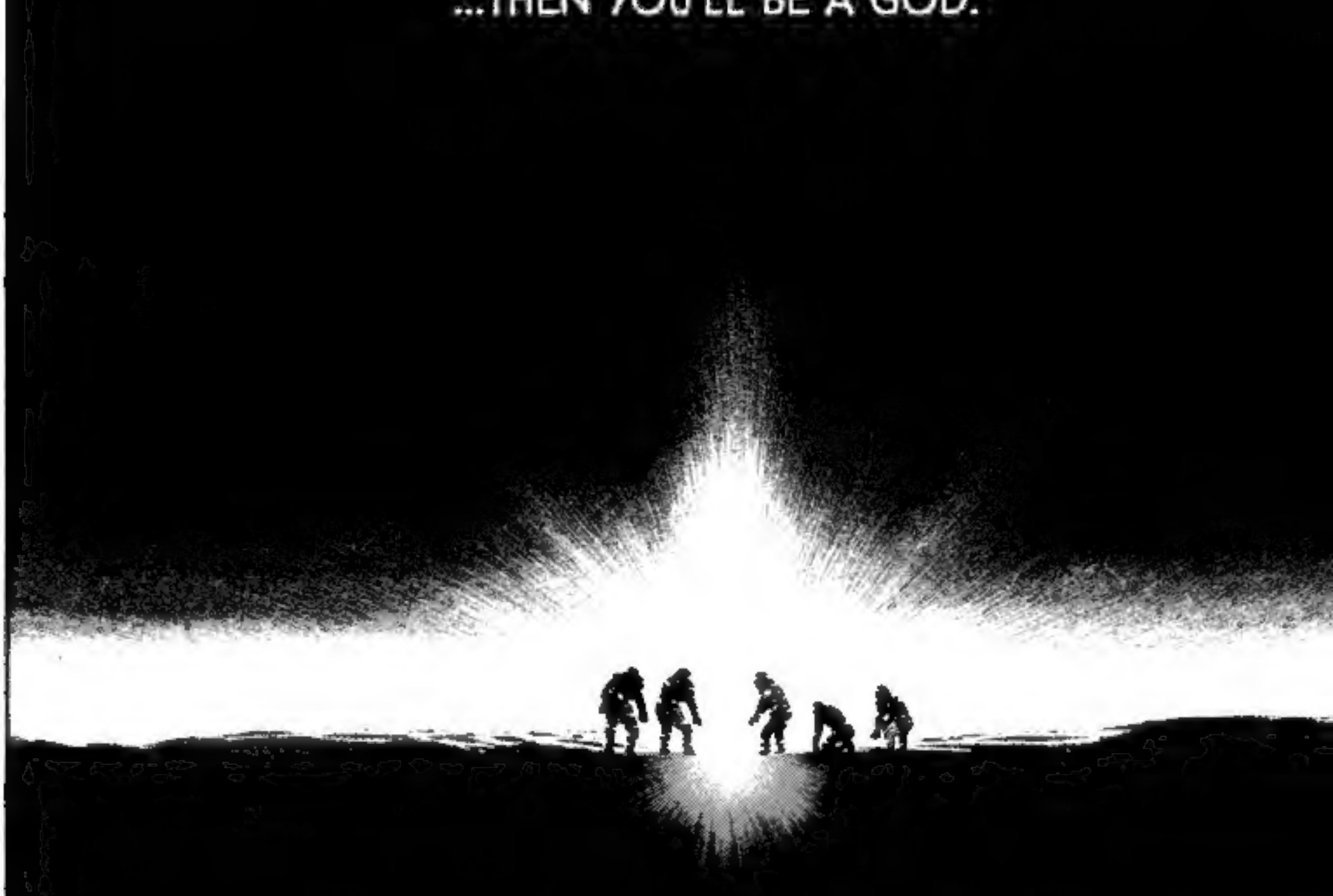
WERE HIS SINS WASHED AWAY?

IN HUNDRED MILLION YEARS, LIFE WILL BE BORN FROM THIS CORPSE, AND TWO BILLION YEARS LATER...

A MIRACLE WILL HAPPEN ON AN UNKNOWN PLANET...

...AN INTELLIGENT LIFE FORM WILL EMERGE. IF WHAT IT DISCOVERS IS A BEAUTIFUL WORLD...

...THEN YOU'LL BE A GOD.



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